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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1813 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to adopt or modify a customer renewable energy subscription program under which a program participant is credited for electricity generated from a renewable generation facility – such as an array of solar panels.

California leads the nation in the deployment of new electricity resources, largely due to the proliferation of solar energy up and down the state. This year, we hit a new milestone — for the first time, Californians used more solar than natural gas during the first half of 2026. The state also has more distributed, small-scale solar capacity than any state in the nation, and has dedicated over \$1 billion in subsidies towards community and low-income renewable energy programs.

While I appreciate the author's goal of making solar even more accessible at a community level, this bill is structurally flawed. It would effectively require an administratively set price for the generation of power that exceeds the value that generation provides to the grid. This would result in significant upward pressure on consumer energy bills — the independent Public Advocates Office estimates the bill could cost ratepayers an additional \$1.5 billion annually — without delivering reliable, high-performance capacity to the grid at the times we need it.

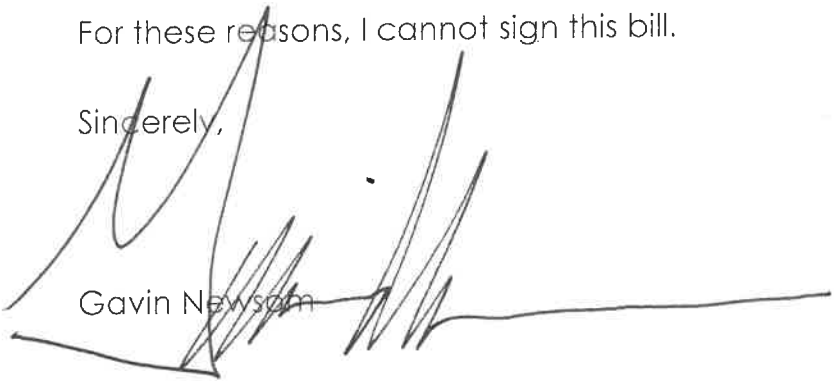


Fundamentally, this bill would shift costs and work counter to the state's energy affordability and reliability goals.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several sharp, sweeping strokes, is written over the printed name "Gavin Newsom". The signature extends to the right, ending in a long horizontal line.