



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2066 without my signature.

This bill would make pregnancy a triggering event for purposes of enrollment or changing a health benefit plan.

Last year, I vetoed a substantially similar bill because it would have set a dangerous precedent for condition-specific special enrollment periods and created substantial instability in the individual health insurance market. These concerns remain, especially at a time when consumers across the nation face uncertainty about the affordability of their healthcare due to the federal administration's draconian cuts to our safety net.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

