



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2247 without my signature.

This bill would establish the Trauma Healing and Resilience Investment for Victimized and Exposed Youth Act (T.H.R.I.V.E.) pilot program, to be administered by the State Department of Health Care Services in order to administer a program to pay for mental health and counseling services for youth survivors of gun violence.

I strongly support the author's commitment to this issue, and my administration continues to prioritize policies that increase assistance for individuals suffering from the effects of violence. This year's budget includes a \$12.5 million augmentation for Trauma Recovery Centers, which offer immediate assistance after a traumatic event, as well as long-term therapeutic support, addressing the emotional, psychological, and practical needs of survivors.

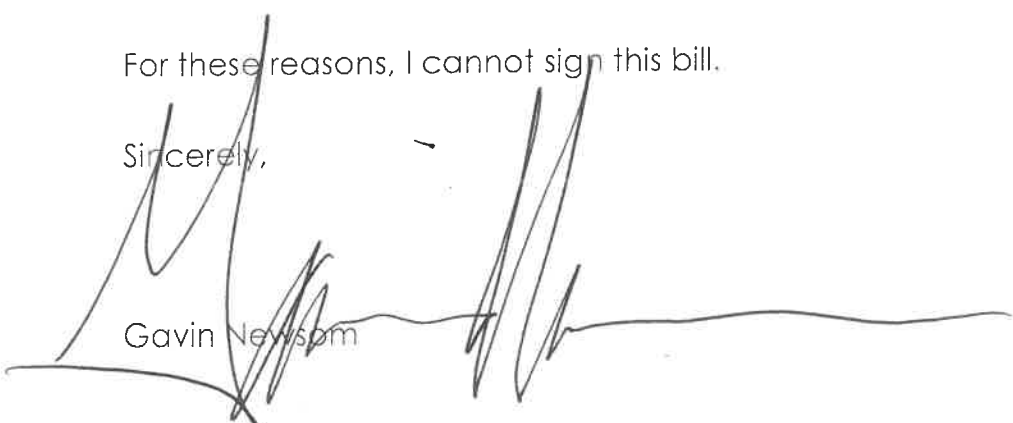
This measure is duplicative of those efforts and creates a new, unfunded grant program not included in the 2026 Budget Act. In partnership with the Legislature this year, we have enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies, it is vital that we remain

disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', is written over the printed name. The signature is composed of several sharp, sweeping strokes, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.