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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2253 without my signature.

This bill would require certain recycled-content documentation obligations to apply to all products making recycled-content claims, beginning in 2030.

I share the author's goal of ensuring that environmental marketing claims are accurate and that consumers can trust the products they buy. However, I am concerned that expanding these documentation requirements will unduly burden manufacturers and suppliers already facing economic headwinds caused by federal tariff and trade policy actions. Adding new, complex compliance requirements at this time risks compounding those pressures, with little benefit to consumers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom