



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2465 without my signature.

This bill would disqualify large businesses with specified relationships to private prisons or immigration enforcement agencies from receiving state-provided loans, grants, or tax credits.

I agree with the author that more must be done to hold the Trump administration accountable for the indiscriminate raids that have rounded up American citizens, people with legal status, and hardworking parents. The horrific tactics deployed by the federal administration to instill fear and panic in our most vulnerable communities are a stain on our nation. Congress must act to hold the Trump administration and culpable agents accountable, while also advancing reforms to ensure fair, humane, and lawful immigration enforcement that is transparent and accountable to the public.

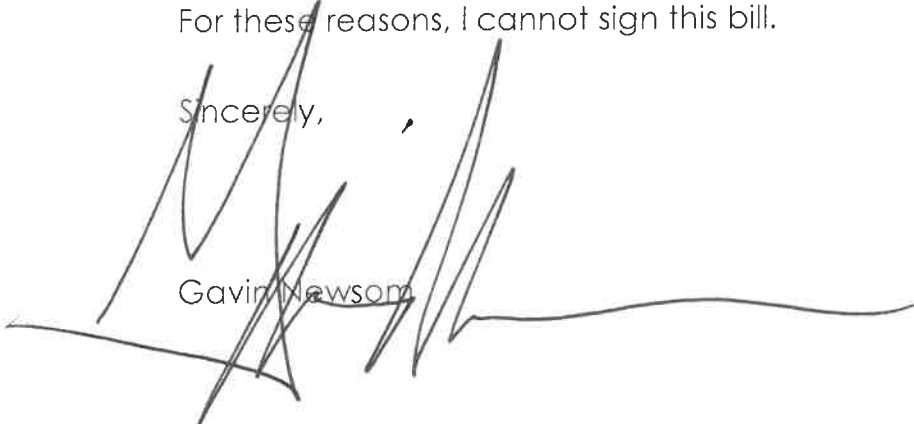
While I appreciate the author's goal of ensuring that state dollars do not support these egregious federal actions, this bill's requirements are unclear and expand beyond the stated intent. Disallowing state credits or other benefits could affect businesses providing legitimate goods and services to a range of agencies with responsibilities beyond the type of immigration enforcement that inspired this bill. Given the severity of the consequences, I am concerned that these unclear

restrictions would interfere with otherwise lawful state programs and economic development activities.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several sharp, overlapping strokes, is written over the printed name "Gavin Newsom". The signature extends horizontally across the page, ending in a long, sweeping tail.