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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1130 without my signature.

Among other changes to the law, this bill would make it a misdemeanor to operate a wearable recording device to capture sound or video of any other person in any area within a place of business where the person has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Wearable technology is rapidly advancing, with articles that closely resemble ordinary eyewear and other accessories containing cameras, microphones, and artificial intelligence systems. These devices can record audio and video, process information in real time, and livestream to an audience. Reports of disturbing, invasive, and potentially dangerous behavior utilizing this technology have surfaced and demand a legislative response.

While I support the author's attempt to meet that demand, we must approach this issue with precision and care. This measure defines several terms too broadly or imprecisely. For example, the bill's definition of "wearable recording device" could include certain smartwatches or other worn devices widely used in public spaces and capable of recording, which could lead to significant confusion and unintended consequences.

Furthermore, although this bill seeks to prohibit visual and audio recording in a place of business where an individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy, existing law already makes it a crime to use an electronic device to record a person in any area in which the occupant has a reasonable expectation of

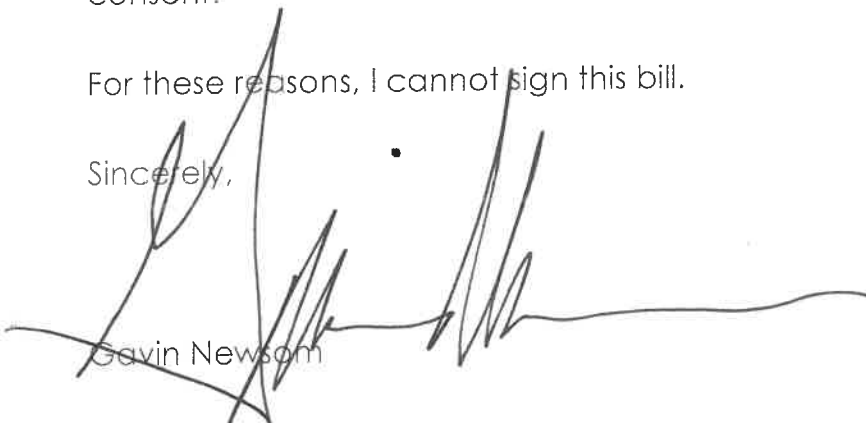


privacy, as well as the recording of confidential communications without consent.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

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