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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill AB 2395 without my signature.

This bill modifies the statewide Debt Reduction Program (DRP), through which parents can make an offer in compromise for child support and interest owed to the state. The bill requires the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) to implement highly specific standardized forms and procedures across all local child support agencies (LCSAs) to ensure the DRP operates uniformly throughout the state.

I appreciate the author's intent to increase access to the DRP. However, while well-intentioned, this bill adds unnecessary complexity to provide improvements that can be achieved administratively. DCSS already has full statutory authority to establish and operate a statewide DRP. To that end, DCSS is actively working with local child support agencies and other stakeholders to improve the program's transparency, fairness, and accountability.

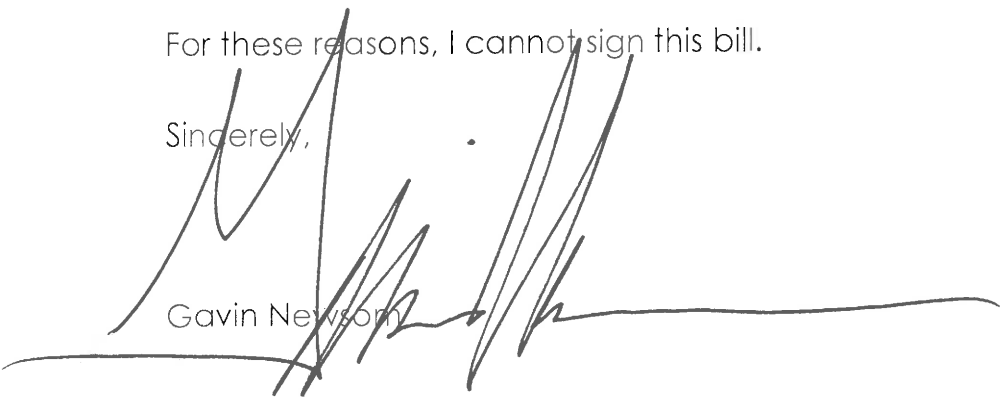
Finally, the new complaint resolution process envisioned by this bill would require administrators to review and potentially overturn their own decisions — creating an inherent conflict of interest. These changes undermine the program's clarity

and administrative integrity, and do not provide meaningful improvements for families seeking debt relief.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

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