



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2164 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit future governors from recognizing a request for extradition of a person subject to criminal liability based on allegations that the person engaged in specified healthcare activities.

I am proud of the work done in partnership with the Legislature over the last eight years to produce numerous, important policies protecting the right of access to health care in this state. Together, we have passed into law the nation's strongest protections for people seeking and providing those services, including expanding privacy protections for providers, enacting safeguards against the enforcement of other states' laws that penalize individuals for obtaining care, and authorizing a party aggrieved by a violation of the Reproductive Privacy Act to bring a civil action against an offending state actor.

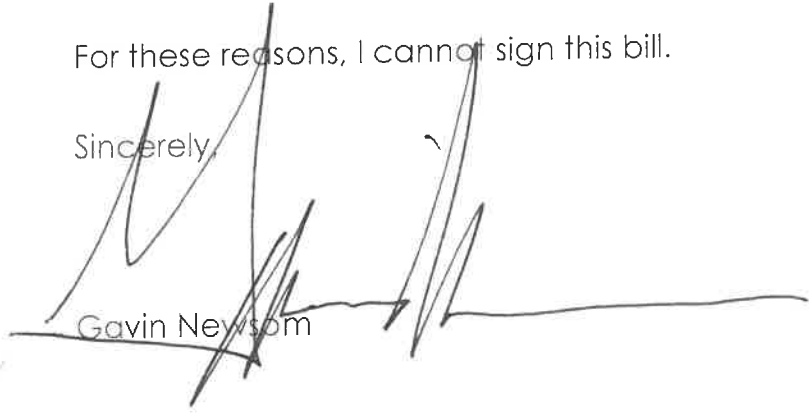
While I share the author's views on the importance of protecting these important healthcare services, extradition is an exclusively executive function. When discretionary, that discretion is appropriately placed with the Governor. I am troubled by the precedent that would be set if an outgoing administration agreed with the Legislature to erode the executive authority of an incoming

Governor based on their shared policy preferences, regardless of how righteous and well-intended those actions may be.

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.