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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2230 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit employees of a child daycare facility licensed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) from providing voluntary consent to a law enforcement officer to enter a nonpublic area of the facility unless presented with valid documentation.

Immigration enforcement actions, coupled with anti-immigrant online rhetoric targeting providers, have created a climate of fear for childcare providers, and for the children and families for whom they provide care. In recognition of this cruel reality, I signed legislation last year (AB 495, Rodriguez) to strengthen protections, increase preparedness, and provide clear guidance for caregivers and daycare facilities. These resources are helping providers today become knowledgeable about how to respond to an immigration enforcement action.

While I appreciate the author's intent to further protect our children and providers, this bill takes the wrong approach. By broadly prohibiting employees of a licensed child daycare facility from providing voluntary consent to any law enforcement officer, this bill places an undue burden on providers to validate the legality of the officer's action or verify specific legal documents, likely in the middle of a frightening and overwhelming experience.

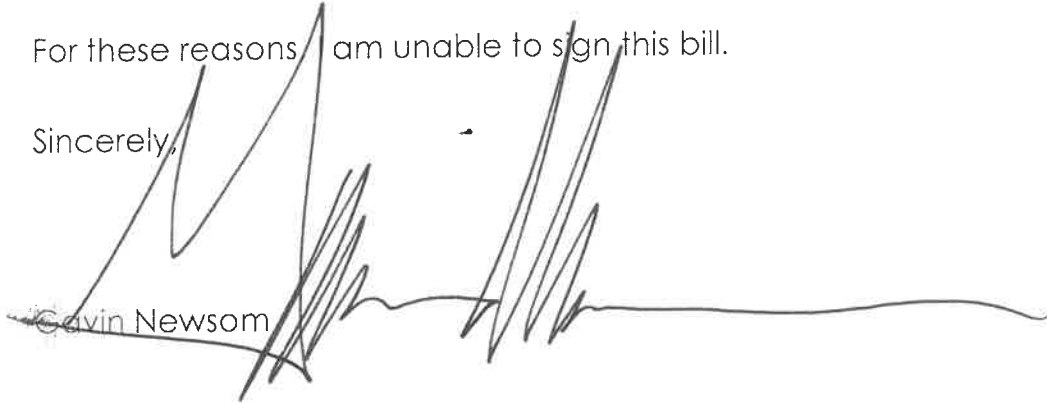
Further, this bill may have the unintended effect of hindering normal licensing investigation and enforcement operations. CDSS is responsible for protecting the health and safety of children in its licensed facilities and often works with law enforcement agencies to fulfill that duty. There could be a myriad of legitimate

reasons for law enforcement to visit a facility completely unrelated to immigration enforcement, and this bill unnecessarily complicates those situations.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gov. Newsom

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