



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 865 without my signature.

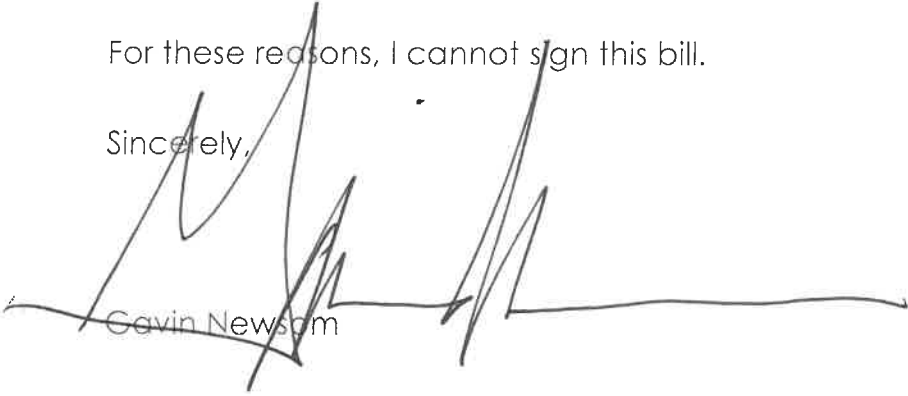
This bill would establish a \$20 million grant program, contingent upon a future appropriation, for eligible independent live music event promoters.

I support the author's goal of improving the viability of live music festivals. However, this measure would impose significant cost pressures on the General Fund and should be considered during the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, my administration has enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies, it is vital that we remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom