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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

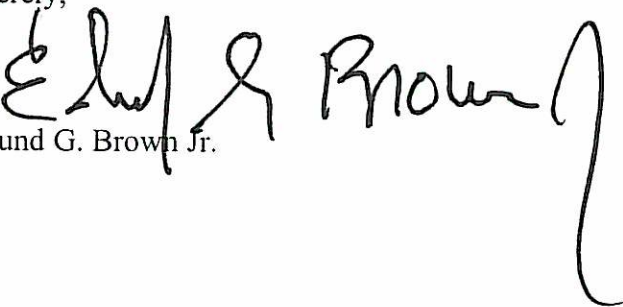
I am returning Assembly Bill 1000 without my signature.

While I support the author's efforts to make oral chemotherapy treatments more affordable for the insured, this bill doesn't distinguish between health plans and insurers who make these drugs available at a reasonable cost and those who do not.

I am concerned about the high cost of these drugs, but I am also deeply sympathetic to the suffering of cancer patients.

I will direct the Department of Managed Health Care to work with the author and stakeholders to find alternative approaches to solve this problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund G. Brown Jr.", with a long, sweeping flourish extending downwards and to the right.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.