

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1091 without my signature.

This bill makes it a crime for anyone to willfully release balloons made of electrically conductive material outdoors.

I do not believe that expanded criminal liability is the best solution to the problem of electrically conductive balloons interfering with power lines. As I have said before, our Penal Code is already far too complex and unnecessarily proscriptive. Criminal penalties are not the solution to every problem.

Sincerely,

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