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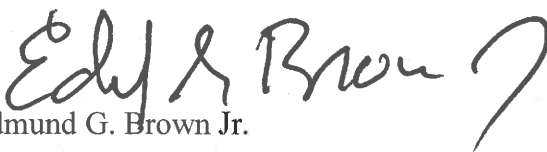
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1386 which permits a business or other public entity to have on hand, and available for emergency use, an epinephrine auto-injector, better known as an EpiPen. I do so because EpiPens have the potential to save the life of a person suffering a severe allergic reaction.

Nevertheless, I cannot take this action without registering my strong objection to the bill sponsor's recently reported pricing maneuvers. At the very time Mylan was boosting sales of EpiPens by sponsoring bills like AB 1386 throughout the country, it raised the cost of EpiPens from approximately \$100 for a pack of two in 2008 to over \$600 today, an increase of 500 percent. It's worth noting that during this same period, Mylan raised its CEO's annual salary to nearly \$19 million, a 600 percent increase.

State government cannot stop unconscionable price increases but it can shed light on such rapacious corporate behavior. Today, I have sent a letter to congressional leaders urging quick and decisive action to rein in these predatory practices.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.