



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing AB 1417 to appropriate \$9.1 million from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for purposes of local mitigation.

I do this reluctantly because although this money is necessary to maintain commitments made to local governments, the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund is quickly approaching insolvency.

Prior to approving any additional appropriations from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, everyone affected -- the Governor's Office, the Legislature, tribes and local entities -- should engage in frank discussions about the Fund and its long term future.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.