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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2152 without my signature.

I agree with the need to provide adequate notice to consumers about relevant changes to their health coverage – in this case, the availability of contracted providers. However, this bill is technically flawed. It provides for stronger notification procedures at the Department of Insurance, but weakens the notification procedures under existing law at the Department of Managed Health Care.

I will direct the Department of Managed Health Care to work with the Insurance Commissioner, the Legislature and interested parties to correct these defects and develop a workable solution next year.

Sincerely,

Ed & Brown