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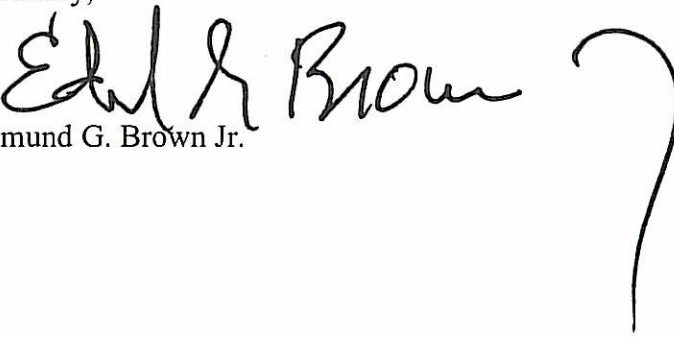
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2271 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit an employer from discriminating against job applicants based on the applicant's status as unemployed. While I support the intent of this bill, it could impede the state's efforts to connect unemployed workers to prospective employers as currently drafted. The problems facing our state's long term unemployed are great. There is no doubt that those Californians want to get back to work and I want to help them get there – unfortunately this bill does not provide the proper path to address this problem.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.