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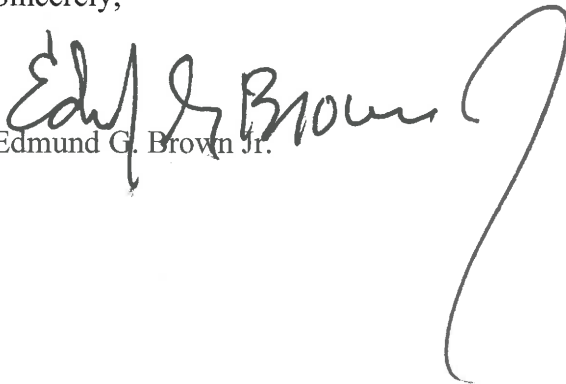
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2724 without my signature.

This bill mandates that drone hobbyists be covered by adequate liability insurance when operating drones and requires drone manufacturers to install "geo-fencing" software on drones that are equipped with global positioning satellite technology.

This bill creates significant regulatory confusion by creating a patchwork of federal, state, and local restrictions on airspace. Moreover, the Federal Aviation Administration will likely assert federal preemption on the bill's "geo-fencing" requirements. I believe it's more prudent to explore a more comprehensive approach that takes into account federal regulations on this subject. Piecemeal is not the way to go.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.