



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 400 without my signature.

Information regarding contributions is most important for voters when they are deciding whether to vote for or against a measure that is on the ballot. Earlier this year I signed legislation to provide up-to-date information regarding committees for or against a measure or candidate that have raised over \$1 million. Now, voters can inspect the top 10 contributors on the Fair Political Practices' website at www.fppc.ca.gov/top10Nov2014 or www.fppc.ca.gov/candidateNov2014. These links are also provided in the ballot pamphlet – an essential source of information for voters.

It is not practical to include contributor information on petitions as signatures are being gathered. The brief time allotted to collect hundreds of thousands of signatures does not provide flexibility for a proponent to reprint petitions each time there is a change in the top five contributors.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.