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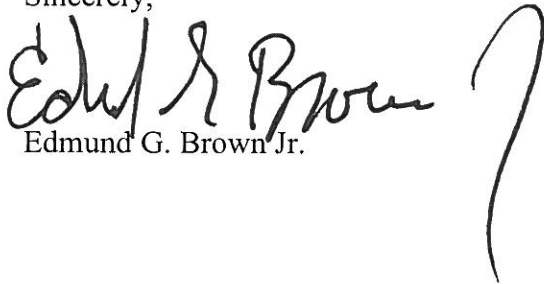
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 729 without my signature.

This bill would establish an evidentiary privilege to prohibit the disclosure of confidential communications between represented employees and their union agents.

I don't believe it is appropriate to put communications with a union agent on equal footing with communications with one's spouse, priest, physician or attorney. Moreover, this bill could compromise the ability of employers to conduct investigations into workplace safety, harassment and other allegations.

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.