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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 86 without my signature.

Charter schools are a small but important part of the California public school system. They vary by size, mission, governing structure and educational philosophy. Their purpose is to allow parents, teachers and other interested citizens to form public schools outside the more detailed regulatory framework of the regular school system.

They are profoundly difficult to establish and even more difficult to maintain and grow in excellence. Having started two myself, I know whereof I speak.

Notwithstanding the important contributions classified staff make to the operation of a school, this bill would unnecessarily complicate an already difficult charter school petition process.

I believe the existing law is tough enough.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.