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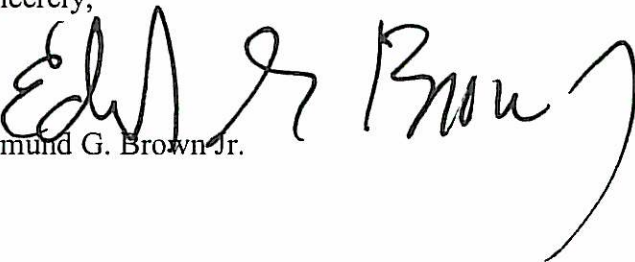
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 883 without my signature.

This bill would establish a child sexual abuse prevention pilot program, allowing up to three counties to receive \$50,000 annually for four years to provide child sexual abuse and commercial sexual exploitation prevention and intervention services.

While this bill is undoubtedly well intentioned, it doesn't provide the criteria or funding necessary for counties to participate or for the Department of Social Services to conduct this pilot program. It may also duplicate efforts that have just gotten underway with the passage of this year's budget to combat and reduce the growing problem of commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.