



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 211 without my signature.

This bill codifies a tire gauge accuracy requirement that is already in regulation and removes tire age as a consideration by the automotive service providers when determining whether a tire is unsafe for use. This bill is both unnecessary and omits a significant factor relating to public highway safety.

The California Air Resource Board's *Regulation to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Vehicles Operation with Under Inflated Tires* requires automotive service providers to check and inflate a vehicle's tires to the manufacturer's recommended pressure at the time a vehicle is serviced. This simple action can save 75 million gallons of gasoline and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 700,000 metric tons annually.

Placing provisions of ARB's regulation into statute unnecessarily limits ARB's ability to revise the regulation in the future to ensure that it achieves the greatest air quality improvements and greenhouse gas emission reductions possible without legislative action. Furthermore, by eliminating "age" as a factor bearing on a tire's safety, the bill seeks to circumvent the rulemaking process and overlooks significant evidence that age could degrade the performance capabilities of a tire. In this way, the bill disregards the stakeholder participation and transparency that were exercised during the rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.