



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1088 without my signature.

This bill states that a criminal complaint may be filed within one year after an individual is identified by law enforcement as a suspect in the concealment of an accidental death.

Such identification could take place years or even decades later. I believe that the statute of limitations for most crimes, especially misdemeanors, should have a defined limit. Allowing the statute to commence when a suspect has been identified, with no other parameters, serves to undermine the very purpose of a limitations period.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.