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To the Members of the California State Senate:

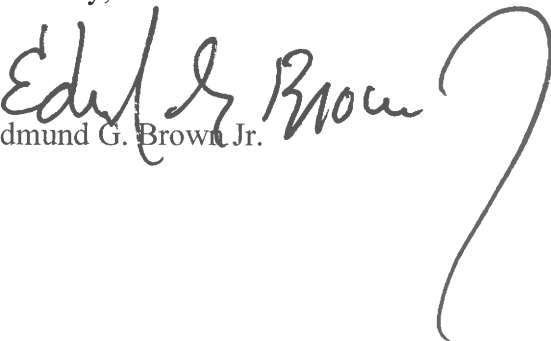
I am returning Senate Bill 119 without my signature.

This bill would create the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Advisory Committee, within the Contractors' State Licensing Board, in order to enforce existing and new provisions related to safe excavation.

I understand that the telecommunications and cable companies have resisted providing explicit enforcement authority to the Public Utilities Commission over excavation safety. However, it is the Public Utilities Commission, and not the Contractors' State Licensing Board, that has the technical expertise and funds and should be given full authority to enforce and regulate excavation activities near subsurface installations.

This is a matter of public safety, and I look forward to working closely with the author to achieve our mutual goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.