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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 205 without my signature.

I understand the author's desire to stop fraudulent voter registration. But I don't believe this bill – which makes it a crime to pay people for registering voters based on the number of registrations they secure – will help.

Voting is at the heart of our democracy. Efforts to register voters should be encouraged, not criminalized.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.