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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 448 without my signature.

I find this bill provocative, but ultimately unpersuasive.

If it is acceptable to force paid signature gatherers to place identifying badges on their chests, will similar requirements soon be placed on paid campaign workers?

I choose not to go down this slippery slope where the state decides what citizens must wear when petitioning their government.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.