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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 977 without my signature.

I support the author's intent to deter businesses from breaking the law. In this instance, the bill takes aim at nail polish manufacturers that are improperly labeling their products "toxin-free" when they are not.

While bad actors should be punished, it makes no sense to increase penalties, one manufacturer at a time. The existing Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law provides for a \$1,000 fine for a first offense, and a \$10,000 fine for subsequent offenses, for false labeling of this kind. This suffices.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.