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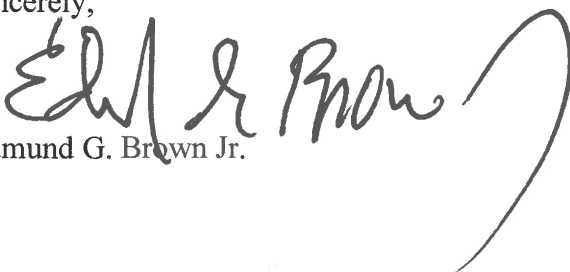
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 494 without my signature.

This bill would establish the Golden State Reading grant program for the purpose of assisting local educational agencies to ensure that all students meet specified reading standards and language skills by the end of the third grade.

Local educational agencies already have the flexibility under the Local Control Funding Formula to provide students the support they need to ensure that appropriate reading and language skills are achieved.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.