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To the Members of the California State Senate:

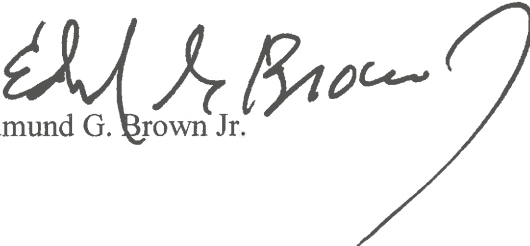
I am returning Senate Bill 784 without my signature.

This bill authorizes an increased financial penalty in situations where a person takes photographs or video footage of another person without their consent and intentionally distributes it or makes it available to another person.

I don't believe the additional \$1,000 called for in this bill does anything to deter this type of conduct. The underlying crime—the recording of the image—is already punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine, and courts currently have discretion to order that any restitution include economic losses incurred by the victim. Moreover, civil remedies are available in these situations.

I believe that current law already provides sufficient criminal and civil liability.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.