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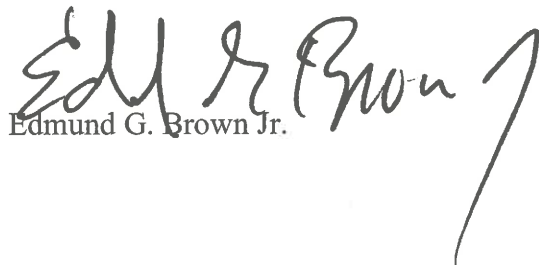
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1996 without my signature.

This bill renames the California Marijuana Research Program as the California Cannabis Research Program and expands the areas of research that can be undertaken. The bill also prohibits the money appropriated to the Cannabis Research Program from the Cannabis Tax Fund to pay for the provisions of this bill.

This bill contains provisions that directly conflict with the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act, which the voters approved in November 2016. For this reason, I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.