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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

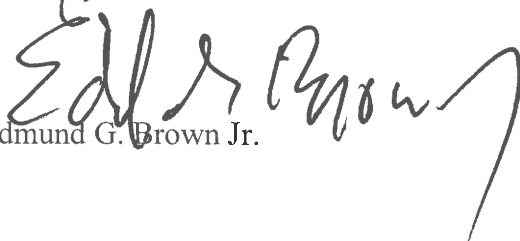
I am returning Assembly Bill 3131 without my signature.

This bill establishes requirements that must be met before a law enforcement agency may take a number of specified actions related to the acquisition and use of “military” equipment.

The list of equipment contemplated by this bill is overbroad—broader than that covered by now-repealed Executive Order 13688 which was the basis for AB 36 (Campos) in 2015, which I also vetoed. The current list not only includes items that are clearly “militaristic in style,” but many that are commonly used by law enforcement and do not merit additional barriers to their acquisition.

In my view this bill creates an unnecessary bureaucratic hurdle without commensurate public benefit, and I cannot sign it.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.