



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1272 without my signature.

This bill creates the Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement Tax Force within the Department of Justice to combat underground economic activities.

I am sympathetic to rooting out businesses that engage in unfair competition and mistreatment of workers. This is an area of great interest to me, and one which I have worked on as Attorney General and as Governor.

This bill, however, codifies a task force that is already operational via MOU and establishes a permanent program within the Department of Justice with an ill-defined and potentially unlimited scope of operations. I am reluctant to do this without additional and more detailed scrutiny through the budget process.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.