



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1408 without my signature.

This bill—among other requirements placed on both the local and state correctional systems—would limit local probation departments' ability to use intermediate sanctions for individuals under post release community supervision.

This bill was introduced as a response to the senseless and horrifying murder of a Whittier police officer, an event that shocked and saddened our entire state. Unfortunately—as history has taught us repeatedly—legislative responses to specific individual crimes often do not produce the intended results, and more often than not are found to be counterproductive once they are implemented.

I believe this is such a bill, and while I appreciate the author's sincere attempt to respond to a truly terrible crime, I do not agree that a three-strikes and you're out approach is the correct solution. This measure would undermine the sound discretion of local probation authorities who, by training and sworn responsibility, are in the best position to make determinations on what type of sanctions or punishment should be imposed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.