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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

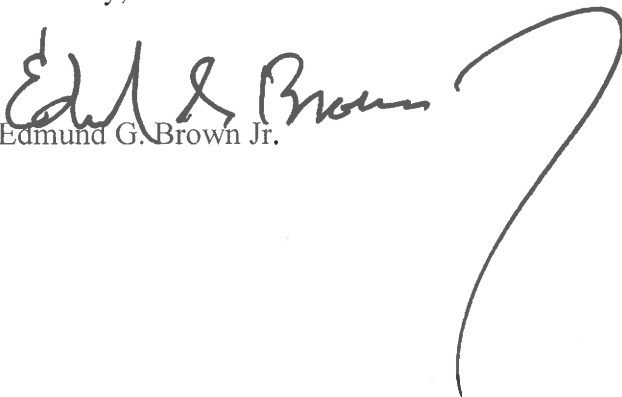
I am returning Assembly Bill 2307 without my signature.

This bill requires Governor appointees to the High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors to be subject to Senate confirmation.

In 2016, I signed Assembly Bill 1813 that added two members of the Legislature to the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors as ex-officio members. These additions brought the total number of legislative appointments to six out of the board's eleven total positions.

Such strong legislative presence on the board provides an unusual degree of accountability. This, in my judgement, when combined with the Independent Peer Review Group and oversight provided by the Legislative Analyst and State Auditor, should be enough to meet the author's objectives.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.