



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 7 without my signature.

This bill would require employers of private emergency ambulance employees to make available multi-threat body protective gear at the request of their employees, train employees on the equipment, and inform them of its availability upon employment.

Current law already imposes an affirmative obligation on employers to evaluate workplace hazards and provide all necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) at no cost to employees regardless of whether the PPE is requested by the employee.

I support efforts to maximize the safety of all of California's life-saving EMS personnel and encourage proponents of this bill to work within the current regulatory structure to provide the evidence demonstrating that multi-threat body protective gear is necessary for all EMTs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large initial "G" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gavin Newsom

