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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 792 without my signature.

This bill requires certain online retailers to include with their tax returns an additional schedule that reports the gross receipts for each local jurisdiction that qualified goods were delivered to a purchaser.

This duplicates extensive sales and use tax information that is already accessible on the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration’s online portal, and results in General Fund costs that are not included in the Budget Act.

I support increased transparency and oversight of the use of local government tax related economic development agreements, which is why I signed AB 485 (Chapter 803, Statutes of 2019). However, this bill creates a burdensome and costly new reporting requirement for many retailers that is unrelated to their tax obligations.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom