



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 26, allowing auto manufacturers to opt-in on procedures for handling vehicle defect claims established by AB 1755 (Kalra/Umberg), a bill I signed last year. Importantly, SB 26 will require notice to consumers who buy potential "lemons," helping prevent accidents that may kill or injure Californians due to a lack of awareness of vehicle defects.

Given the abrupt changes AB 1755 created for consumers, attorneys, and manufacturers, SB 26 should help reduce confusion in the marketplace.

That said, I remain concerned that AB 1755 may not have struck the proper balance for all parties, and I hope the Legislature will honor its intention to revisit these measures to assess whether the law is functioning for the public's benefit.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom

