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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin
President, Senate of West Virginia
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear President Tomblin:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 501.

I must object to this Bill because its proposed title does not reference three sections of the West Virginia Code purportedly amended by the Bill. Accordingly, I find the title of the Bill inconsistent with the substance of the Bill, so as to render Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 501 constitutionally defective. For this reason, I must veto this legislation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Manchin III".

Joe Manchin III
Governor

cc: The Honorable Richard Thompson
Speaker, House of Delegates
The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State