

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
CHARLESTON

March 25, 2010

The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol  
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Secretary Tennant:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 507.

As you know, I am a strong supporter of mine safety and have spearheaded historical changes in mine safety in this state. Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 507 would establish a tax credit designed to encourage investments in innovative mine safety technology. Although I support efforts to enhance mine safety, I must veto this bill because of a conflict with another bill that passed after Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 507. Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4525 amends a section of the West Virginia Code, W. Va. Code §22A-11-3, that is also amended by Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 507. Having passed after this bill, the provisions of Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4525 would control, thus eliminating this bill's amendments to W.

Va. Code §22A-11-3, which are critical to administering the proposed tax credit.

For this reason, I must veto Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 507.

Very truly yours,

Joe Manchin III,

*Governor.*

cc: The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin

The Honorable Richard Thompson