

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
CHARLESTON

April 6, 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 Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 515.

Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 515 would increase certain criminal penalties relating to the sale of firearms and ammunition and establish new felony offenses relating to encouraging the illegal sale of firearms and ammunition. I am in full support of this legislation. However, I must veto the bill for technical reasons. There is a faulty cross-reference in the bill that would purportedly penalize violations of an unrelated code section.

For this reason, I must veto Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 515. However, I encourage the Legislature to reconsider this measure in the future and return it to my desk for approval.

Very truly yours,

Joe Manchin III,

Governor.

cc: The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin

The Honorable Richard Thompson