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March 31, 2014

The Honorable Natalie Tennant
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Building 1, Suite 157-K
1900 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0770

Re: Enrolled Senate Bill 426

Dear Secretary of State Tennant:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Senate Bill 426. If signed into law, this bill would, among other things, require gubernatorial appointments to the Higher Education Policy Commission, institutional boards of governors, and the Council for Community and Technical College Education to be made within certain limited time constraints. The deadlines set forth in the bill would unreasonably restrict the time required to thoughtfully investigate and deliberate on candidates for appointment. In these circumstances, the bill restricts the broad powers of appointment afforded to the governor by the Constitution of West Virginia. *See* W. Va. Const. art. VII, § 8. Consequently, I must disapprove and return Enrolled Senate Bill 426.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl Ray Tomblin".

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

cc: The Hon. Jeffrey Kessler ✓
President of the Senate

The Hon. Timothy R. Miley
Speaker of the House of Delegates