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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State
State of West Virginia
Building 1, Suite 157-K
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: Enrolled House Bill No. 3022

Dear Secretary Tennant:

As stewards of taxpayer money, we must be committed to fiscal responsibility and not commit one-time surplus funds in disregard of current budget needs. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Section fifty-one, Article VI of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby return Enrolled House Bill No. 3022, passed March 14, 2015, approved with the following objections:

My first objection to the Bill is contained in Item 46, page 3, line 1, which states:

“Unclassified - Surplus (R) 09700 \$ 500,000”

The above appropriation includes new funding for the State FFA-FHA Camp and Conference Center. Cuts are never easy, but are necessary in our State’s fiscal situation. Therefore, I am reducing the supplemental appropriation by the amount of \$500,000 to \$0.

My second objection to the Bill is contained in Item 52, page 4, line 1, which states:

“Unclassified - Surplus (R) 09700 \$ 1,500,000”

The above appropriation includes new funding for the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. As stewards of public funds, we must be committed to fiscal responsibility and not

commit one-time surplus funds in disregard of current budget needs. Therefore, I am reducing the appropriation by the amount of \$1,500,000 to \$0.

My third objection to the Bill is contained in Item 107, page 5, lines 1-3 , which state:

**“West Virginia School of
Osteopathic Medicine - Surplus (R) 17299 \$ 500,000”**

The above appropriation includes new funding for the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. At a time when we are facing ongoing budget challenges, we must be prudent in spending taxpayer dollars. Therefore, I am reducing the supplemental appropriation amount of \$500,000 to \$0.

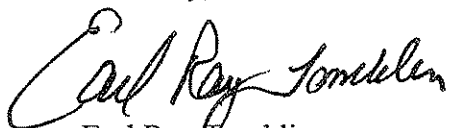
My fourth objection to the Bill is contained in Item 114, page 6, lines 1-2, which state:

“West Virginia State University - Surplus (R) 44199 \$ 500,000”

The above appropriation includes new funding for West Virginia State University. As good stewards of the taxpayer’s dollars, there are times when we must do more with less. Therefore, I am reducing the supplemental appropriation amount of \$500,000 to \$0.

For the reasons stated herein, I have approved, subject to the above objections, Enrolled House Bill No. 3022.

Sincerely,



Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

cc: The Hon. William P. Cole, III
President of the Senate

The Hon. Tim Armstead
Speaker, West Virginia House of Delegates