

March 27, 2019

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Mac Warner  
Secretary of State  
Suite 157-K  
State Capitol  
Charleston, WV 25305

Re: Enrolled House Bill 3044

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled House Bill 3044, which is intended to require the Commissioner of Highways to develop a formula for the effective and efficient allocation of state and federal road funds among the districts and counties of the state, which formula must include factors including county population, county population growth projections, total lane miles, heavy truck use, and bridge numbers and bridge conditions in a given county.

The West Virginia Division of Highways is a maintenance organization first and foremost, dedicated to keeping the roads and highways of this state in good working order and repair. While a formula may prove useful in predicting where federal and state road money should be spent over a long period, I believe being required to follow a formula for the actual dollar allocation would limit the Division's ability to dedicate funds to maintenance projects where and when needed around the state.

For these reasons I must disapprove and return Enrolled House Bill 3044.

Sincerely,

Jim Justice  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Mitch Carmichael  
President of the Senate  
The Honorable Roger Hanshaw  
Speaker of the House of Delegates