

To The Alabama House of Representatives
Alabama State House
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith to you a message from the Governor, returning House Bill No. 362, without the Governor's signature and approval, but with the attached veto message.

Done this 8th day of April, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Wallis
Chief Legal Advisor
MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning to you, the body in which it originated, House Bill No. 362 without my signature.

This bill is an attempt to establish a fund locally, which could be improperly used for political advantage by one or a few persons, in their appointments of members of the Community Development Commission. The appropriate expenditure of these funds should be under the authority and control of local city and county governmental officials who can most appropriately prioritize local needs, and not political appointees. I am satisfied that this legislation is unconstitutional based upon the constitutional principle of separation of powers.

For the foregoing reasons, I hereby veto House Bill No. 362. I encourage you to join me in this decision.

Done on this the 8th day of April, 2008.

Respectfully,

Bob Riley
Governor