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Michigan House of Representatives

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed **Enrolled House Bill 5816**, which makes appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 for the Departments of Attorney General, Civil Rights, Information Technology, Management and Budget, State, and Treasury, and for the Executive Office and the legislative branch of state government. This legislation will provide almost \$3.2 billion in funding to provide for the necessary operations of state government, including \$1.1 billion in vital revenue sharing grants to local governments.

I have, however, disapproved four items pursuant to Section 19 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. The specific item vetoes are contained in the attached copy of the bill which has been filed with the Secretary of State.

I have disapproved the carry-forward provisions proposed in Section 307 and Section 311 because the language effectively would authorize spending in excess of target agreements for the Department of Attorney General.

I have disapproved Section 803a, which would require the Department of State to conduct an extensive cost allocation study regarding the administration and collection of transportation revenue. Existing cost allocation methodology used Department of State is reasonable and development of an alternative methodology is unnecessary.

I also have disapproved Section 1027 because I believe that expenditures from the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund should be awarded based on oversight from the Michigan Strategic Fund Board and consistent with the Michigan Trust Fund Act and the Michigan Strategic Fund Act.

While I found it necessary to disapprove of several items in this bill, I thank the Legislature for its work authorizing general government expenditures for Fiscal Year 2009.

Respectfully,

Jennifer M. Granholm

Governor