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Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol
Lansing MI 48909-7536

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed **Enrolled House Bill 5365**, which makes appropriations for various departments and agencies, the judicial branch and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. I have, however, disapproved six items pursuant to Section 19 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. The specific vetoes are detailed in the attached copy of the bill that has been filed with the Secretary of State.

I have disapproved the appropriation in Article IV, section 110, for the Healthy Homes program within the Department of Community Health because the Legislature increased funding for this program using state restricted funds which are not available. I will transmit a request to the Legislature to restore funding for the Healthy Homes program at the level included in my original recommendation.

I have disapproved two appropriations for the Department of Community Health in Article IV, sections 1136 and 1137, because these appropriations utilize federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds which are not available.

I have disapproved the appropriation in Article VIII, section 1052, because funding for this purpose is provided elsewhere in the budget.

I have disapproved a one-time appropriation for the Department of Human Services in Article X, section 114 and related boilerplate section 1203, establishing a before-and-after school program because it is not prudent to establish an ongoing program utilizing one-time revenues.

Finally, I have disapproved the appropriation within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs contained in Article XII, section 342, because it singles out a specific industry for preferential treatment.

In providing direction to departments in implementing appropriations contained in Enrolled House Bill 5365, I note that the following boilerplate sections are unenforceable: section 803 (Article I); sections 925(2) and section 925a (Article VIII); section 341 (Article XII); section 703(1) (Article XIII); and section 384 (Article XVII).

Enrolled House Bill 5365 also contains numerous boilerplate sections that include statements of legislative intent. We will take these legislative preferences into consideration as departments and agencies implement the appropriations. However, these legislative intent statements do not impose conditions on appropriations and are non-binding upon departments and agencies implementing the appropriations.

I thank the Legislature for adopting this omnibus appropriation bill and for demonstrating once again its commitment to completing the budget in a timely fashion. I appreciate the support of members of the Michigan House and Senate in helping to insure that Michigan is a strong, vibrant state.

Sincerely,
Rick Snyder
Governor