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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable William P. Cole III
President, West Virginia Senate
Room 229M, Building 1
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: Enrolled Senate Bill 1

Dear President Cole:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Senate Bill 1 for public policy reasons.

I dispute that West Virginia needs a "right to work" law. The issue of "right to work" has been discussed for several years, but I have never had a company cite "right to work" as a barrier to relocating in West Virginia. We do not lack prospects. Our issues are best addressed by improving our workforce and creating new development opportunities. Since I became governor in 2010, West Virginia has welcomed more than \$10 billion in new investments and expansion projects. A "right to work" law will lead to little if any economic growth and may lower the wages of West Virginia workers.

For the foregoing reasons, I disapprove and return the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl Ray Tomblin".

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

cc: The Hon. Tim Armstead
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The Hon. Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State