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April 1, 2015

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State
Building 1, Suite 157-K
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0770

Re: Enrolled Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 30

Dear Secretary Tennant:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I disapprove Enrolled Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 30 for the following reasons.

Signing this bill into law would pose a serious risk to public health. First, the bill acknowledges that consuming raw milk has inherent dangers and that it may contain "bacteria that is particularly dangerous to children, pregnant women and those with compromised immunity." A product with these types of health risks should be subject to more supervision than merely requiring a person to release the seller from liability for such risks. Second, the bill lacks provisions regarding oversight and regulatory authority with respect to sanitation or the handling and storage of raw milk. Given the health implications of the bill, the Bureau for Public Health should have been given oversight and regulatory authority in raw milk production.

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For the foregoing reasons, I disapprove Enrolled Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 30.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Earl Ray Tomblin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

cc: The Hon. William P. Cole III
President of the Senate

The Hon. Tim Armstead
Speaker of the House of Delegates