Jim Justice

Governor of West Virginia

April 26, 2017

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mac Warner
Secretary of State
State of West Virginia
Building 1, Suite 157-K
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 239

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 239.

This bill creates a significant hardship on employers and employees for a convenient practice that has become commonplace in today's society, authorizing employee payroll deductions. Payroll deductions are used for a variety of purposes, such as employee benefit payments, donations to non-profit organizations (i.e., the United Way), and employee membership dues. Current law requires an employee to complete a payroll deduction authorization prior to any deduction being made by an employer from the employee's paycheck. The authorization continues until the employee changes or discontinues it.

Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 239 modifies the definition of deduction to exclude amounts for authorized credit unions, charities, outside savings plans, or union or club dues. It places an unnecessary burden on businesses, and an inconvenience on employees and organizations receiving deductions, by mandating the creation of a new wage assignment ***every year*** to continue the authorization.

Therefore, I disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 239.

Sincerely,

Jim Justice
Governor

cc: The Hon. Tim Armstead
Speaker of the House of Delegates
The Hon. Mitch Carmichael
President of the Senate