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VIA HAND DELIVERY
The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Ms. Tennant:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2738. Although the purpose of the bill is well-intentioned, the bill embraces more than one object in violation of the Constitution of West Virginia. See W. Va. Const. art. VI, § 30.

The title of Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2738 states "all relating generally to administration of financial aid and higher education scholarship programs by the Higher Education Policy Commission." The bill, however, also amends the article establishing the Center of Nursing, including provisions relating to the powers and duties of the Center and its board of directors. These provisions do not relate to the HEPC's administration of financial aid or scholarships, and they constitute a separate and distinct object from that set forth in the title of the bill.

For the aforementioned reasons, I hereby disapprove of Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2738.

Sincerely,

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Richard Thompson
Speaker, West Virginia House of Delegates

The Honorable Jeffrey V. Kessler
President, Senate of West Virginia