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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed Enrolled House Bill 4328, which makes appropriations for various departments and agencies, the judicial branch and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. I have, however, disapproved two 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 appropriations in section 108(13) and related section 1053 within the Department of Treasury, Michigan Strategic Fund (Article VIII) because fiscal year 2013 was the final year of funding based on a two-year phase-out of state support.

I have disapproved the appropriation within the Department of Transportation in Article XVII, section 736 because current traffic control standards are consistent with federal standards and a transportation revenue package is still pending.

I have considered the enforceability of boilerplate provisions as I provide direction to departments in implementing appropriations contained in Enrolled House Bill 4328. Among the various provisions that are considered unenforceable, I note the following: sections 453(2) and 803 (Article I); section 407 (Article VII); section 341 (Article XI); and sections 341 and 375 (Article XIII). Section 522 (Article X) is considered enforceable provided it does not conflict with federal funding guidelines. Section 382 (Article XVII) is considered enforceable to the extent it does not alter or amend Act 51 of 1951 requiring local unit cost sharing.

Enrolled House Bill 4328 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. However, there is more to do in finalizing the Healthy Michigan Plan and designing a revenue package to support our transportation infrastructure. I look forward to working with the Legislature to complete action on these important initiatives.

Respectfully,

Rick Snyder
Governor

Attachment
cc: Michigan State Senate
The Honorable Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State