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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Richard Thompson Speaker, House of Delegates State Capitol Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and veto Enrolled House Bill No. 4016.

Enrolled House Bill No. 4016 modifies the meaning of "federal adjusted gross income" and certain other terms used in West Virginia Personal Income Tax Act and specifies the effective dates of such modifications. In February of this year, the Congress of the United States passed the Economic Stimulus Package of 2008, which in turn necessitated additional amendments to the original version of House Bill No. 4016. Unfortunately, the additional amendments to this bill need further revision in order to maintain consistency with federal law.

Obviously, I support the intent of Enrolled House Bill No. 4016, and I would encourage the Legislature to promptly consider this measure again in the near future.

<u>/ery truly yours</u>

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Joe Manchin III

Governor

cc: The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin President, Senate of West Virginia The Honorable Betty Ireland, Secretary of State

Mr. Darrell E. Holmes, Senate Clerk

Mr. Gregory Gray, House Clerk