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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed Enrolled Senate Bill 930, which amends the Tobacco Products Tax Act in order to increase enforcement and tobacco tax collections. I have, however, disapproved an item pursuant to Section 19 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. The specific veto is detailed in the attached copy of the bill that has been filed with the Secretary of State.

Given the fact that only a few months remain in the current fiscal year, and because this appropriation was not part of the resolution of the budget, I have disapproved proposed fiscal year 2012 appropriations of $6.0 million in Section 12, subsection 10. Additional funding for tobacco tax enforcement activities has been included in the fiscal year 2013 budget for the departments of Attorney General, State Police and Treasury, which will enable these agencies to augment their existing tobacco enforcement activities beginning in October.

I thank the Legislature for its work on Enrolled Senate Bill 930 and its support for improvements to tobacco tax enforcement and collection efforts.

Respectfully,

Rick Snyder
Governor

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