



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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THE GOVERNOR

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TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 466, Printer's Number 1985.

The citizens of Pennsylvania sent us here to do serious work and to address the problems facing this Commonwealth. This legislation falls short of a responsible means to reform our state liquor system and to maximize revenues to benefit our citizens. It makes bad business sense for the Commonwealth and consumers to sell off an asset, especially before maximizing its value.

During consideration of this legislation, it became abundantly clear that this plan would result in higher prices for consumers. In the most recent case of another state that pursued the outright privatization of liquor sales, consumers saw higher prices and less selection.

Modernization of our state liquor system would provide additional revenues to the Commonwealth and save important, family-sustaining jobs. The Commonwealth relies on this revenue stream that could be dramatically improved through modernization. While this bill recognizes that new revenues for education are important, there are many more responsible options available other than selling off a valuable asset of the Commonwealth.

For the foregoing reasons, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 466, Printer's Number 1985.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Wolf".

TOM WOLF
Governor