



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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THE GOVERNOR

October 28, 2016

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

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 1998, Printer's Number 3515.

House Bill 1998 further erodes the accountability of the Philadelphia Parking Authority to the people it is intended to serve. The authority was founded on the principle of raising revenue to support the school district of Philadelphia. It has not once in its existence, however, met the financial allocation promised to the school district. In addition to these repeatedly broken promises, recent events have shined a light on the extensive mismanagement of the parking authority.

I cannot in good conscience sign a bill that instead of addressing these ongoing issues with the authority, allows for current management to remain in place and move outside of the City of Philadelphia. Furthermore, I seek more comprehensive legislation concerning the parking authority that contains the various reforms necessary to ensure the authority functions in an appropriate fashion in the future.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 1998, Printer's Number 3515.

Sincerely,

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

TOM WOLF
Governor