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Michigan Senate  
Michigan House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I am returning Senate Bill 822 to you without my approval. SB 822 impose upon the governor certain obligations with respect to memorandums of understanding ("MOU").

Senate Bill 822 would require every MOU signed by the governor to be filed with the Office of Great Seal. An "MOU" subject to filing is any informal agreement between this state and another party that does not impose contractual duties or obligations on this state, that is also signed by the governor. SB 822 also provides that MOUs remain in effect during the term of the successive governor until rejected by a successive governor or until it expires by its terms.

I have signed many MOUs as governor. They have proven effective at helping foster and strengthen relationships with our trading partners and encourage global investment and economic development in Michigan industries. Those MOUs are available on the MEDC's website.

Senate Bill 822 on its face appears to have a noble purpose—transparency. But it also has the potential to lead the way toward more routine legislative encroachment into regulating the activity of future governors. Therefore, I return Senate Bill 822 to you without my approval.

Sincerely,

Rick Snyder  
Governor