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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I am returning to you unsigned House Bill 6420.

The bill would have created a new act, the Fantasy Contests Consumer Protection Act, to establish a statutory framework to regulate fantasy contests within the state, to place oversight of fantasy contests within the Michigan Gaming Control Board, and to create civil, administrative, and criminal penalties for violations of the act.

The bill was presented as part of a larger package of bills intended to modernize the way consumers could engage in gaming in Michigan. While I am sympathetic with the idea of regulating fantasy contests in a manner consistent with recent federal law changes, I understand that there are many important factors, some of which may be unknown at this time, to evaluate before proceeding with a substantial regulatory structure that has such a significant potential impact to Michigan citizens.

While well intended, I do not believe this legislation at this time would accomplish positive results for Michigan, therefore, I am returning HB 6420 to you today without my approval.

Sincerely,



Rick Snyder
Governor