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Michigan House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Representatives,

I have signed Enrolled House Bill 4241, which makes appropriations for the Department of Natural Resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. I have, however, disapproved two items pursuant to article 5, section 19 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. The specific item vetoes are detailed in the attached copy of the bill that has been filed with the secretary of state.

To provide direction regarding the implementation of this appropriations act, I note the following:

- To the extent that section 602 restrains the Department of Natural Resources from protecting the water resources of this state, it violates article 4, section 25 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, and is therefore unenforceable.
- Section 220 violates article 4, section 24 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as well as the separation of powers required by article 3, section 2, among other provisions of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, and is therefore unenforceable.
- Finally, those provisions of this bill that express merely the intent, advice, preferences, or wishes of the legislature do not impose conditions upon appropriations and are non-binding.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

cc: Michigan Senate  
The Honorable Jocelyn Benson

FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE

ON 9/30/19 AT 7.24PM.