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The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 2643, an Act relating to state and local finances by making appropriations, providing for legal and regulatory responsibilities, providing for other properly related matters, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

House File 2643 is approved on this date with the exception of sections 57 and 91.

Section 57 would have amended Iowa law governing the funding of the Iowa Veterans Home to limit the amount of revenues or appropriation that may carry forward at the close of a fiscal year to \$800,000. Because the Iowa Veterans Home's state appropriation is less than eight percent of its total budget and the vast majority of that budget comes from revenues paid from a variety of sources, this section could have significant unintended consequences. I look forward to working with the legislature to consider alternative methods of addressing its concerns in a manner that better recognizes the unique funding and budgetary issues of the Iowa Veterans Home.

Section 91 would have authorized the Iowa Economic Development Authority to assist broadband providers in obtaining federal funds and other funds to improve broadband infrastructure. While I strongly support assisting providers in improving broadband infrastructure, Iowa's Office of the Chief Information Officer coordinates our broadband initiatives and has the best expertise to assist in these efforts. Introducing another governmental entity is unnecessary and could be counterproductive.

For these reasons, I respectfully disapprove House File 2643 in part, only as specified above, in accordance with Article III, Section 16, of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. The remainder of House File 2643 not disapproved as stated herein is approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kim" and the last name "Reynolds" clearly distinguishable.

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House