

July 2, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 652, an Act relating to underground storage tanks, including by establishing an underground storage tank cost share grant program and fund and making an appropriation.

House File 652 is hereby disapproved on this date.

I am unable to approve House File 652 for the following reasons:

The Iowa legislature created the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Fund in 1989. The UST Fund currently receives \$14 million annually from the Statutory Allocation Fund (SAF). I support ending the one cent Environmental Projection Charge consumers pay at the fuel pump which sunsets on June 30, 2016. The Road Use Tax fund will incur a \$17 million annual reduction until the SAF is amended. Now that the UST Fund has been operating for over twenty-six years, the State of Iowa and the UST Fund Board should complete action on remaining liabilities in the UST Fund. I look forward to working with the legislature next year to increase investment in renewable fuels infrastructure.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove House File 652, in its entirety, in accordance with Article III, Section 16, of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,

TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor