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The Honorable Matt Schultz
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit Senate File 508, an Act appropriating federal funds made available from federal block grants and other non-state sources, allocating portions of federal block grants, and providing procedures if federal funds are more or less than anticipated or if federal block grants are more or less than anticipated.

Senate File 508 is, therefore, signed on this date with the following exception, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve Section 36 of the bill in its entirety. This item creates a redundant mandate by requiring departments that receive funds from this appropriation bill to provide a detailed plan of the past, current, and future expenditures of federal funds designated for departmental administrative expenses 60 days before the start of the new federal fiscal year. While I strongly support transparency efforts that publicly disclose how departments spend their resources, this information is already available within the State's accounting and budgeting systems. Furthermore, the future year's plan will be of little to no benefit beyond what is currently available because most of the amounts will not have been established by the federal government in a timely fashion that would allow a complete and accurate report 60 days before the start of the new federal fiscal year.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove the designated item in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in Senate File 508 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry E. Branstad", written over a horizontal line.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor