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May 25, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 2336, an Act relating to appropriations involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection, and including effective date provisions.

House File 2336 is, therefore, signed on this date with the following exceptions, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 8, amending 2011 Iowa Acts, Chapter 128, Section 49, inserting numbered paragraph 2A. This language would require Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") to hire two to four additional park rangers. While I support efforts to ensure adequate numbers of park rangers, I believe that the language mentioned above requiring specific staff levels, hinders the state's ability to manage overall operational needs. I believe that flexibility is needed to determine how many park rangers are hired based on costs, availability of funding and specific park needs.

I am unable to approve the designated portion of the item designated as Section 9, amending 2011 Iowa Acts, Chapter 128, Section 50, inserting numbered paragraph 1A. This item would require DNR to support at least 84 full-time conservation officer positions. While I support efforts to ensure adequate numbers of conservation officers, I believe that the language mentioned above requiring specific staff levels, hinders the state's ability to manage overall operational needs. I believe that flexibility is needed to determine how many conservation officers are hired based on costs, availability of funding and specific park needs.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove the designated items in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 2336 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry E. Branstad". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T".

TERRY E. BRANSTAD

Governor