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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 406, an Act relating to involuntary commitments for persons with substance-related disorders, mental illness, and intellectual disabilities, and providing for the creation of a mental health advocate division in the department of inspections and appeals and including effective date provisions.

Senate File 406 is approved on this date with the following exception, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve of the item designated as Divisions I and II in their entirety. This item establishes new positions of mental health advocates within the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. Currently, these advocates work at the county level. In the newly redesigned mental health and disability services system, it is best for these positions to remain at the local level where services will be managed and delivered regionally. I look forward to continuing to work with the House and Senate on implementing Mental Health redesign in a manner that best serves Iowans and fits within my goals for efficient and effective state government.

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 406 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,

TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor