GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI

JEFFERSON CITY
65102

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON
GOVERNOR

P.O. Box 720
(573) 751-3222

July 9, 2014

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1132 entitled:

AN ACT

To repeal sections 135.600, 135.630, and 135.647, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to benevolent tax credits.

I disapprove of Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1132. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1132 would increase the caps on three current tax credit programs by a total of $1.5 million annually. While these programs may have worthwhile intentions, expanding their size and thereby growing the state's overall tax credit expenditures will make it more difficult to fund education and other core governmental services. I have repeatedly called on the General Assembly to rein in tax credits. By growing these tax credit expenditures without making them subject to appropriation or restructuring them to be revenue-neutral, Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1132 moves in the opposite direction and therefore cannot receive my approval.

In accordance with the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1132 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor