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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1474 entitled:

AN ACT

To repeal section 130.026 as enacted by senate bill no. 844, ninety-fifth general assembly, second regular session, section 130.026 as enacted by senate bill no. 262, eighty-eighth general assembly, first regular session, section 130.057 as enacted by senate bill no. 844, ninety-fifth general assembly, second regular session, and section 130.057 as enacted by house bill no. 676 merged with senate bills nos. 31 & 285, ninety-second general assembly, first regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the requirement of filing certain disclosure reports in an electronic format with the Missouri ethics commission.

I disapprove of Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1474. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1474 would streamline and modernize campaign finance filing requirements to ensure transparency for the public and convenience for candidates. With my action today to enact Conference Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 786 this worthwhile provision will become law, with a delayed effective date of January 1, 2017.

Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1474 does not receive my approval because its August 28, 2016 effective date would occur during the current election cycle. The January 1, 2017 effective date in Conference Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 786 will provide sufficient time for the Missouri Ethics Commission to implement these changes and prevent confusion among candidates who have already filed under existing law for the current election cycle.

In accordance with the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1474 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor