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THE GOVERNOR

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TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 2440, Printer's Number 3776.

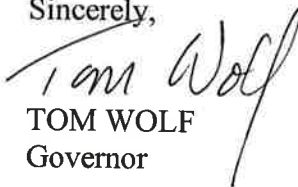
We are continuing to confront extraordinary challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic. In the past week, the number of COVID-19-attributable deaths has quadrupled, and the average daily case count is seven times higher than it was two months ago. To help stop the spread of the virus during this critical time, we have instituted new targeted mitigation measures.

Instead of assisting with efforts to control the COVID-19 virus, this bill attempts to unnecessarily carve out shooting ranges, sportsman clubs, hunting facilities, and the firearm industry from any mitigation efforts. This bill represents another meaningless attempt to alter the necessary tools for fighting the pandemic. Instead of focusing on health and safety and mitigation efforts, this bill distracts from the fight against the emergency in front of us.

Lastly, this bill contains constitutional infirmities, as it attempts to take away executive authority which has been granted under the Emergency Management Services Code and our Constitution.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 2440, Printer's Number 3776.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Wolf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "f".

TOM WOLF
Governor