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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 1420, Printer's Number 3371.

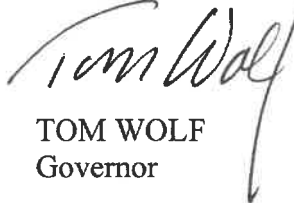
This legislation unnecessarily prohibits the Department of Human Services from contracting with a vendor to provide financial management services that assist with home and community-based services for older Pennsylvanians and individuals with physical disabilities. These self-directed services allow participants to make choices about their own care, with this model supporting both participants and direct care workers.

Furthermore, it is irresponsible to block a pathway to a living wage and health care benefits for direct care workers. Our health care workforce is in crisis. This model benefits direct care workers by allowing them to have the benefits of being co-employed by an agency, resulting in access to employer-sponsored health care as well as paid time off and other benefits.

I want to be clear, however, that I support the remaining provisions of this bill in their entirety, and I am asking the General Assembly to pass those provisions, cleanly, and in short order. Failure to do so creates a \$1.8 billion hole in the Commonwealth's financial statement for the current fiscal year, and the state budget cannot be considered complete without them.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 1420, Printer's Number 3371.

Sincerely,



TOM WOLF
Governor