



Roy Cooper, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***House Bill 600, "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA."***

This bill is a hodgepodge of bad provisions that will result in dirtier water, discriminatory permitting and threats to North Carolina's environment. It also undoes a significant policy to promote fairness in state contracting for historically underutilized businesses as it blocks efforts to encourage diverse suppliers for state purchases, rules that would save taxpayer dollars and help businesses grow. The rules mirror the successful approach used for 18 years in state construction contracting and they were enacted with extensive feedback from state agencies and vendors and they were approved by the Rules Review Commission, which has all of its members appointed by the Republican controlled legislature.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

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Governor

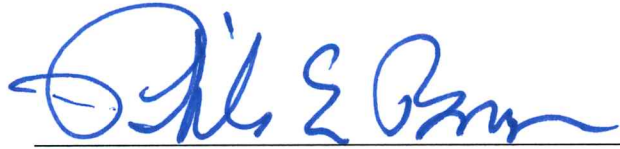
The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 2nd day of October 2023, at 2:42 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

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SECTION 54.(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2023.



Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate



Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

**VETO**  
*Roy Cooper*

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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