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Michigan House of Representatives
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Representatives,

Today I am returning Enrolled House Bill 4288 of 2021 to you without approval.

As Governor, I am laser-focused on growing the middle class, empowering seniors to live robust and fulfilling lives, and building an economy that delivers shared prosperity to all Michiganders.

HB 4288 would require the state to spend nearly five million dollars to implement new IT systems to administer a tax break that would primarily benefit a small number of Michiganders. I asked this Legislature to send me a fully-negotiated and comprehensive budget that gives our whole state an economic jumpstart. Instead, this Legislature missed the July 1 budget deadline, yet found time before leaving town to send me this tax sweetener benefiting only a few. That just won't cut it.

I would be willing to work with this Legislature to secure the necessary funding for this program as part of a comprehensive budget agreement that works for all Michiganders.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor