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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

Herewith I return to you Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 3020 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, distributions, purchase of equipment, planning expenses, capital improvement projects, including but not limited to major additions and renovation of facility components, and equipment or systems for the several departments and offices of state government and the several divisions and programs thereof, and to transfer money among certain funds, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

Section 20.571

I hereby veto \$83,000,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for a new Highway Patrol academy. While I am supportive of law enforcement officers and have made budget recommendations supporting law enforcement, first responders, and other emergency personnel in this budget and in previous budgets, this item cannot be approved as the cost of the project is significantly higher than the appropriated amount. Original project costs were anticipated to be \$149 million, not including \$20 million for site development. The property on which this was planned for construction also has legal encumbrances that would need to be negotiated and addressed. Further, any future construction of a Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy should be a part of a comprehensive state facility plan.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$83,000,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.

From \$83,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.644

I hereby veto \$300,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement for capital improvement projects to a bridge and access trail in Barry County. This funding was not part of my budget recommendations. This is a local responsibility with minimal regional or statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of state funding for this project. My administration has previously vetoed this project, and our position has not changed.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$300,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund
From \$300,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.831

I hereby veto \$10,000,000 Lottery Proceeds Fund for deferred maintenance grants for charter school facilities. These funds were not included in my budget recommendations. This funding is limited to charter schools, unfairly limiting access to public K-12 schools. Deferred maintenance is the responsibility of the charter sponsor, not the State. My administration has previously vetoed this line for the same reasons specified in this message and our position has not changed, contrary to statements made in the House Budget Committee and on the House floor. Additionally, House Bill 1552 (2022) provides a mechanism for additional funding to charter schools that would be available for maintenance and repairs.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$10,000,000 to \$0 from Lottery Proceeds Fund.
From \$10,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.838

I hereby veto \$4,500,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for sidewalks for Affton School District. This funding was not part of my budget recommendations. This is a local responsibility with minimal regional or statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project. My administration has vetoed similar line items in prior budget years.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$4,500,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.
From \$4,500,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.839

I hereby veto \$3,000,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for sidewalks for Hancock Place School District. This funding was not part of my budget recommendations. This is a local responsibility with minimal regional or statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project. My administration has vetoed similar line items in prior budget years.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$3,000,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.

From \$3,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.842

I hereby veto \$3,000,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for airport planning, design, maintenance, or construction in St. Charles County. Due to the proximity of this airport to a major international airport and four other local airports, this investment will have minimal regional or statewide impact. Additionally, this airport receives federal funding distributed on a formulaic basis through the Missouri Department of Transportation, and has received more federal funding over the last two years than previous allocations including through the CARES Act, CRRSAA, ARPA, and IIJA. This airport is also eligible for an estimated \$415,620 in Federal Aviation Administration Funds, plus \$150,000 per year over five years, totaling \$715,760 which may be used for capital improvements. This funding was not part of my budget recommendations, and other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$3,000,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.

From \$3,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.850

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for the planning, design, maintenance, or construction of economic development corporations in Johnson County. This funding was not part of my budget recommendations. From the information and budget language provided, it is unclear if this would provide funding to a new or existing industrial park, or where the park would be located. My administration has identified twenty-six industrial parks in Johnson County but have little information on which one would be allocated funding. Alternatively, this project could seek grant funding under the Industrial Site Development program appropriated through House Bill 3020.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$2,000,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.

From \$2,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.854

I hereby veto \$5,000,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for the maintenance and improvements of a footbridge in Springfield. This funding was not part of my budget recommendations. This project includes funding for a pedestrian footbridge over a rail line which the Missouri Department of Transportation is required to concur with the City on a bid award, that has not yet occurred.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$5,000,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.

From \$5,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.860

I hereby veto \$2,500,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for the planning, design, maintenance, or construction of a hospital. These funds were not included in my budget recommendations and appear to direct public funds to a private developer for non-public purposes in violation of Article III, Section 38(a) of the Missouri Constitution. While the plain language of the appropriation states the funds are for the "planning, maintenance, or construction of a hospital" the information provided to my administration demonstrates that this language does not meet the actual needs of the project. The City of Hannibal desires the funds for "rehabilitating, reinvesting, and repurposing of a former hospital site" to develop housing for low to moderate income seniors and single families. However, the Department of Health and Senior Services has no statutory authority to provide funding for such developments. Because the appropriation bill attempts to grant this authority to Department of Health and Senior Services, this provision violates the single subject limitation in Article III, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution. Alternatively, this project could seek funding through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program within the Missouri Housing Development Commission.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$2,500,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.

From \$2,500,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.875

I hereby veto \$800,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for non-profit animal abuse investigators. These funds were not included in my budget recommendations and would likely not meet the criteria for use of funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. Funding this appropriation would likely cause confusion as to who has the authority to conduct animal abuse investigations, which should be the responsibility of local law enforcement and animal health specialists, not non-profit organizations aimed at attacking agricultural producers.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$800,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.

From \$800,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.879

I hereby veto \$7,500,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Water Infrastructure Fund for a project that serves as an urban amenity in Springfield. This funding was not part of my budget recommendations; however, this project could seek funding through other state programs. This project includes funding for a trail-linked public park space along a local waterway. The General Assembly has demonstrated its resistance to funding public trail spaces along waterways that have a statewide or regional impact, demonstrated economic return to local communities and the State, and significant citizen interest and advocacy.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$7,500,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Water Infrastructure Fund.

From \$7,500,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.895

I hereby veto \$2,800,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for the renovation and development of a vacant commercial property. In providing for development of commercial property, this appropriation appears to grant public money to a private person or entity for non-public purposes, in violation of Article III, Section 38(a) of the Missouri Constitution. Additionally, the appropriation bill directs Department of Social Services to provide the funding for specific purposes when the Department of Social Services does not have statutory authority for such developments. Because the appropriation bill attempts to grant this substantive authority to Department of Social Services, this provision violates the single subject limitation in Article III, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$2,800,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.
From \$2,800,000 to \$0 for the section.

Section 20.899

I hereby veto \$1,000,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for a Film Camp USA designated state-wide youth program. These funds were not included in my budget recommendations. This is not a good use of taxpayer funds as the cost per camper is estimated to be over \$3,200.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$1,000,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.
From \$1,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 20.905

I hereby veto \$500,000,000 general revenue for the transfer to the Tax Credit Offset Fund. The appropriation bill directs that funds be transferred from general revenue to the Tax Credit Offset Fund, but contains no language authorizing the expenditure of any funds out of the Tax Credit Offset Fund. Because the General Assembly did not authorize the expenditure of funds out of the Tax Credit Offset Fund, the withdrawal of these funds would likely violate Article IV, Section 28 of the Missouri Constitution. *See State ex rel. S.S. Kresge Co. v. Howard*, 208 S.W.2d 247, 251 (Mo banc. 1947).

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$500,000,000 to \$0 from general revenue.
From \$500,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

On June 30, 2022 I approved said Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 3020, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Parson". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "M" and "P".

Michael L. Parson
Governor