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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you Senate Bill No. 77 entitled:

AN ACT

To repeal section 210.278, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to neighborhood youth development programs.

I disapprove of Senate Bill No. 77. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

Senate Bill No. 77 would exempt Girls Incorporated of St. Louis ("Girls Inc.") from state childcare requirements, including the required staff-to-child ratios, safety inspections, emergency preparedness planning, fire inspections, and sanitation inspections. Girls Inc. is an outstanding organization that has provided educational and cultural programs for thousands of girls. However, protecting the safety of Missouri's children should be paramount. Accordingly, any measure that would exempt a single organization from generally applicable child safety requirements cannot receive my approval, regardless of the quality of the organization.

In accordance with the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning Senate Bill No. 77 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jay Nixon".

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor