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Senators:

Today I am returning Enrolled Senate Bill 294 to you without my approval. This legislation was drafted because the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs denied an exemption to a planned press box facility because it did not comply with the Construction Code. Michigan's Construction Code creates a set of basic standards that protect Michiganders from shoddy construction. Legislation that makes construction in this state less safe for everyone is not an appropriate response to a single license denial.

Moreover, bills like SB 294, which respond to license denials by stripping our departments of regulatory authority, encourage disappointed applicants to "appeal" to the legislature. Such piecemeal legislation undermines the effectiveness of state government.

In light of these considerations, I am vetoing Enrolled Senate Bill 294.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor