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October 15, 2020

Michigan House of Representatives
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Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Representatives,

Today I am returning Enrolled House Bill 4322 to you without my approval.

Michigan has a long heritage of hunting and wildlife conservation. With Fall upon us, I hope that hunting season will provide a fruitful and fulfilling pastime for those wishing to enjoy the outdoors. However, personal safety and the stewardship of Michigan's natural bounty are also important considerations.

This bill would create an unworkable permitting system within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Rather than providing a predictable and uniform standard for hunters with a disability, this bill depends on a subjective evaluation of physical fitness lacking sufficient standards to implement the permitting process. Furthermore, this bill does not account for the conservation and rehabilitation efforts that would be required as a result of more vehicle traffic on hunting roads and trails.

The DNR Accessibility Advisory Council provides guidance to the DNR to help develop, manage, and plan opportunities for those of all abilities to enjoy Michigan's natural resources. Unfortunately, this legislation was developed without consultation with the Council, excluding valuable voices from the hunting community with disabilities. Future legislation should be developed cooperatively with the Council.

For the foregoing reasons, I am vetoing this bill.

Respectfully,

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Gretchen Whitmer
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Representatives,

Today I am returning Enrolled House Bills 5339 and 5340 to you without my approval.

As Governor, I have put a priority on protecting Michigan consumers. Michiganders should be able to trust that their government has their best interests in mind when passing and signing new laws.

These bills make it cheaper and easier for for-profit property finders to get access to Michigander's private data. The Department of Treasury already does an excellent job returning lost and unclaimed property to its rightful owners, at no cost to Michiganders. In 2019, the Department returned to owners and/or their heirs more than \$81 million, or 94 percent of all unclaimed property claims, without charging a fee. The changes proposed in these bills not only put an increased administrative burden on the Department of Treasury, but do so at the expense of consumer privacy.

For the foregoing reasons, I am vetoing these bills.

Respectfully,

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