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State Capitol Building
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Senators,

Today I am returning Enrolled Senate Bill 761 to you without my approval. This bill would allow airport authorities to seize and forfeit money even when they are unable to tie that money to criminal activity.

Earlier this session, I signed Senate Bill 2 and House Bills 4001 and 4002, which passed with nearly unanimous support, to limit civil asset forfeiture for individuals who have not been convicted of a crime in order to increase property protections for citizens. This bill would begin to unwind that important progress. Law enforcement continues to have the power to seize money suspected of ties to criminal activity and to initiate forfeiture of that money when a criminal connection can be demonstrated.

For the foregoing reasons, I am vetoing this bill.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor