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To the Honorable Member of the
Illinois Senate
95th General Assembly

It is with great reluctance that I am returning Senate Bill 1129 with reductions in appropriations totaling \$358,800, pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 9(d) of the Illinois Constitution. While these reductions will impact numerous programs that I support, I cannot in good conscience sign an appropriations bill that is not supported by current funding sources, and may ultimately lead our State into economic disarray.

It is the constitutional duty of the Illinois General Assembly to pass a balanced budget each fiscal year. Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Illinois Constitution is clear in its requirement that the appropriations made by the General Assembly for the ensuing fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated to be available during that year. Unfortunately, this year, the General Assembly failed to adhere to its constitutional obligation and passed a budget which is grossly out of balance. Specifically, the Illinois House of Representatives failed to pass the funding measures necessary to support the appropriations it made, and placed its responsibility of balancing the budget on the executive. These reductions are a direct result of the Illinois House of Representatives' failure to perform its constitutional duties. Although the House, by and through its leadership, is forcing these actions today, I am still hopeful that funding solutions can be passed to restore these worthy programs.

Reductions

I hereby reduce the appropriation items listed below and approve each item in the amount set forth in the "Reduced Amount" column below:

Article	Section	Page	Line(s)	Amount Enacted	Reduced Amount
3	5	3	15	964,450	723,350
3	5	3	19	171,700	128,800
3	5	3	21	73,800	55,300
3	5	4	1	161,000	120,700
3	5	4	2	15,000	11,200
3	5	4	3	6,500	4,900
3	5	4	4	4,000	3,000
3	5	4	5	5,000	3,700
3	5	4	6	8,000	6,000
3	5	4	7	22,000	16,500
3	5	4	8	3,000	2,200

In addition to these specific reduction vetoes, I hereby approve all other appropriation items in Senate Bill 1129.

Sincerely,



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Governor