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The Honorable Denise Merrill
Secretary of State
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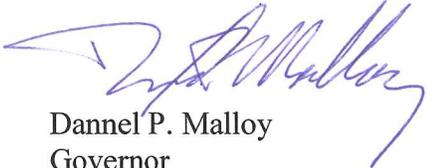
Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, substitute House Bill 6689, *An Act Concerning Bail Bonds*. This bill would, among other things, automatically terminate a bond and release a surety when an accused voluntarily returns between five days and six months after a bond forfeiture order. This would undermine the efficient functioning of Connecticut's bail bond system and compromise the state's ability to assure that those facing criminal charges appear in court.

The objective of a bail bond is to ensure that an arrested person appears in court as required by that bond. Releasing a surety when an accused voluntarily returns within six months would render the court date conditioned in a bail bond effectively meaningless, giving arrested persons an additional six months to show up in court without consequence and as a matter of course.

For these reasons, I disapprove of substitute House Bill 6689, *An Act Concerning Bail Bonds*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute House Bill 6689 without my signature.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor