



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

May 1, 2017

Honorable Brent Sanford  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear President Sanford,

Pursuant to Article V, Section 9, I have signed Senate Bill 2018, the appropriations bill for the commerce department, with an item veto in Section 12.

The portion of Section 12 that reads: "\$300,000 to an organization that provides workplace safety," is vetoed.

This earmark appeared in the final commerce appropriations bill from conference committee. It was added without the benefit of full transparency and scrutiny afforded appropriations that proceed through the public hearing process and full legislative review.

The remaining language in Section 12 gives clear direction to the commerce department to establish guidelines and procedures for awarding grants and vouchers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Burgum".

Doug Burgum  
Governor