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Ms. Sue Cobb  
Secretary of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Cobb:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, House Bill 661, enacted during the 108<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2006 and entitled:

An act relating to governmental services telephone systems...

House Bill 661 establishes, within the Department of Community Affairs, a matching grant program to provide funds to local governments for the implementation and coordination of the 311 nonemergency and other governmental services telephone system. The stated intent of such a system is to reduce the volume of nonemergency calls to 911 public safety answer points, particularly during times of disaster, and to provide an integrated, seamless single source for nonemergency and other governmental services. The bill does not provide an appropriation to fund the grant program.

I applaud the counties in Florida that have implemented such a system for their residents to get quick responses to local government services such as animal services, public works, code enforcement, zoning and permitting, and solid waste management. I also appreciate the relief that such a system might have on our statewide 911 network. Nonetheless, this bill creates an indeterminate future financial obligation to the State of Florida for a service that should not be the responsibility of state government.

For the reasons stated above, I am hereby withholding my approval of House Bill 661.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeb Bush".

Jeb Bush



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