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JEB BUSH  
GOVERNOR

June 22, 2006

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 959, 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 Motor Vehicle Safety Pilot Program...

House Bill 959 requires that guardrails, retention cables, or other types of roadway barriers be installed, as part of a pilot project, along "limited-access facilities" in Miami-Dade County that are adjacent to canals or other water bodies. The barrier system must be installed and maintained in compliance with the Department of Transportation standards. Barriers for eligible limited-access facilities in existence on July 1, 2006, must be installed on or before December 31, 2009.

The Florida Department of Transportation currently installs guardrails and other types of barrier systems under existing programs as required by their safety and design standards. The guidelines provided in this bill, for Miami-Dade County only, are of a more general nature than the safety and design standards of the department regarding when and where guardrails and barriers are needed. These general provisions are subject to differing interpretations, which may lead to unnecessary and costly litigation in order to ascertain their application.

The Florida Department of Transportation communicated their concerns to the bill sponsor and made efforts to reassure the sponsor that the Department of Transportation is dedicated to reducing the roadway problems that lead to traffic crashes and providing clear information to assist drivers in making safe driving decisions.



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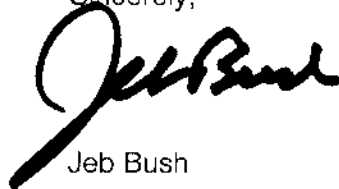
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The sponsor's effort to improve highway safety should be applauded, but I feel that the systems the Department has in place should address their concerns and the Florida Safety Management System will continue to address highway safety on all public roads.

For the reason stated above, I am hereby withholding my approval of House Bill 959.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeb Bush". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Jeb Bush