

PHILIP B. SCOTT
GOVERNOR



State of Vermont
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 31, 2023

The Honorable John Bloomer, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate
115 State House
Montpelier, VT 05633-5401

Dear Mr. Bloomer:

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 11 of the Vermont Constitution, I'm returning S.39, *An act relating to compensation and benefits for members of the Vermont General Assembly*, without my signature because of my objections described herein.

This year, the General Assembly passed several pieces of legislation that will significantly increase costs for Vermonters through new and higher taxes, fees and penalties. In my opinion, it does not seem fair for legislators to insulate themselves from the very costs they are imposing on their constituents by doubling their own future pay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

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