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## Office of the Governor

June 16, 2011

The Honorable Ross Miller  
Secretary of State  
Capitol Building  
101 South Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

**RE: Assembly Bill 136 of the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Assembly Bill 136, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to criminal laws; revising provisions governing credits for offenders sentenced for certain crimes; revising provisions governing the sealing and removal of certain records; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

This bill allows people convicted of certain category B felonies to earn credits to reduce their sentences, thereby allowing for an earlier release from prison. Under existing law, these so-called "good time credits" can be earned by offenders convicted of certain category C, D or E felonies by acquiring vocational skills or undergoing drug treatment programs. The bill would extend the good time credit provision to Class B felons, with the exception of repeat offenders and offenders guilty of violent crimes or sexual assault. The bill also authorizes a person to petition for the sealing of records relating to an arrest if the prosecuting attorney declines to prosecute the charges.

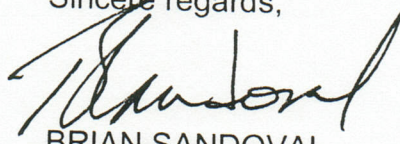
Assembly Bill 136 has been promoted as a cost-cutting measure that will save money by reducing the cost of housing certain non-violent criminals in Nevada's crowded prisons. However, I am concerned that the bill will allow dangerous criminals to be



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prematurely released from prison, thereby increasing risk to Nevada's communities and sending a message to offenders that this state is soft on crime. Because of these concerns, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature and without my approval.

Sincere regards,



BRIAN SANDOVAL  
Governor

*Enclosure*

cc:     *The Honorable Brian Krolicki, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*  
          *David A. Byerman, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)*  
          *Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)*  
          *Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)*