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Office of the Governor

April 1, 2026

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Kris Warner
Secretary of State of West Virginia
State Capitol Complex
Building 1, Suite 157-K
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: Enrolled House Bill 4626

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return the Enrolled House Bill 4626 with the following objections:

This bill mandates that the Secretary of Health funds a grant program to defray the costs of a drug trial for ibogaine, which has the potential to help treat substance abuse disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other mental health conditions. I share the Legislature's interest in developing new methods to tackle our drug epidemic, and I applaud its willingness to think outside of the box. Yet, this bill inserts the state into an activity which is better left to the private sector. We should work to create an environment that encourages experienced participants to engage in drug trials and medical innovation, but we should do so without requiring the state to award grants of undefined and unfunded amounts.

Accordingly, I hereby disapprove and return the Enrolled House Bill 4626.

Sincerely,

Patrick Morrissey
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cc: The Honorable Randy Smith,
President of the Senate

The Honorable Roger Hanshaw
Speaker of the House of Delegates