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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am returning unsigned House Bill No. 3876, "An Act Establishing a Sick Leave Bank for Lisa Hershowitz, An Employee of the Department of Developmental Services."

Under this bill, an employee sick leave bank would be created for an individual employee of the Department of Developmental Services. Sick leave banks are sometimes established to support Commonwealth employees who are unable to work because of serious medical challenges and have exhausted all of their leave time. I have been informed by the Department of Developmental Services that the employee's condition in this instance fortunately has improved since the initial filing of the bill. She has returned to work and, along with the bill's sponsor, has confirmed that she no longer needs the benefit of a sick leave bank.

For this reason, I am returning House Bill No. 3876 unsigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Baker, *Governor*