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To the Honorable 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. 3617, entitled "An Act Relative to the Office of Municipal Building Officials."

Aside from a few grammatical changes, this bill is identical to House Bill No. 5606 of 1991, which I returned unsigned on November 4 of last year. I declined to sign House Bill No. 5606 for three reasons. First, the bill sought to impose a uniform employment policy on all cities and towns in the Commonwealth, by requiring that the body responsible for appointing the local building inspector hold a public hearing if the inspector is either dismissed before the expiration of his term or not reappointed for a subsequent term. I believe that municipal employment practices such as this should be determined by each municipality rather than by the state. Second, there were, and still are, sufficient mechanisms in place which protect employees from wrongful discharge and which provide appropriate remedies. Third, the bill did not offer any more protection against corruption than that afforded by our current laws.

Because those features which I found objectionable in House Bill No. 5606 of 1991 reappear in House Bill No. 3617, I am returning the latter bill unsigned for the same three reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

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