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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article 63 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am today signing "An Act Providing for a Program of Capital Improvements to the System of Public Higher Education in the Commonwealth."

I am pleased to sign into law this important legislation which will provide funds to upgrade and expand the physical assets of the Commonwealth's twenty-nine public higher education campuses.

Though I am pleased with the result of the Legislature's considerable work in crafting this measure, I am vetoing outside sections 6, 7, and 8 which are unrelated to the purposes of public higher education improvements. The sections I am vetoing all relate to the charter school reimbursement structure. These vetoes follow vetoes of similar sections in the FY1996 General Appropriation Act and the FY1995 Supplemental Appropriation Act. I continue to disagree with the approach to funding charter schools embodied in these sections. I reiterate my willingness to consider ways of providing adequate transition funding for the marginal costs of students attending charter schools, while preserving the purpose of charter schools which is to promote competition and thereby improve education for all students.

I hereby approve the remainder of the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William F. Weld".

William F. Weld

