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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

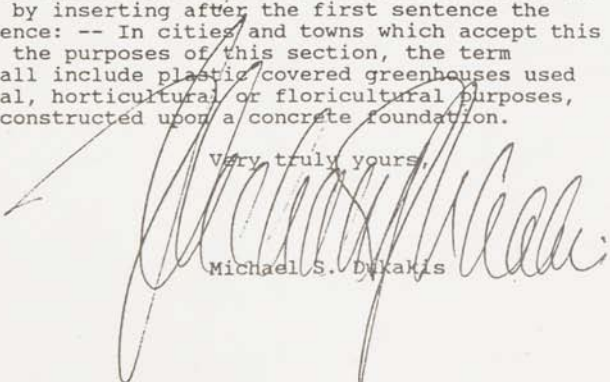
I am returning for amendment H.3322, "An Act Relative to the Excise on Plastic Covered Greenhouses."

I am returning H.3322 for amendment because, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 29, § 27C (b), the so-called mandates statute, this legislation would be ineffective in the absence of state funding of the property tax losses to cities and towns. I am proposing that this problem be rectified by expressly making the provisions of this Act subject to local option.

Thus, H.3322 should be amended by substituting the following language:

The first paragraph of section 8A of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence: -- In cities and towns which accept this provision, for the purposes of this section, the term "equipment" shall include plastic covered greenhouses used for agricultural, horticultural or floricultural purposes, which are not constructed upon a concrete foundation.

Very truly yours,

  
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