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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 517 OF THE 2024 REGULAR SESSION

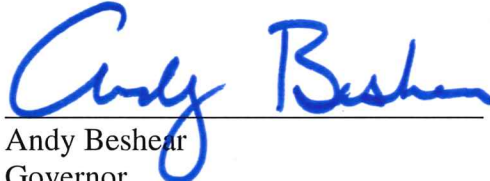
I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

House Bill 517 of the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

House Bill 517 weakens the authority of the Legislative Ethics Commission and undermines legislative ethics. House Bill 517 allows the Legislative Ethics Commission to dismiss a complaint without ever engaging in any preliminary inquiry whatsoever. It further requires the commission to provide a draft of its proposed response to an advisory opinion request to the requestor in advance, allowing the requestor to appear personally before the commission in "closed session." Legislation that weakens legislative ethics should not become law.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 517.

This, the 5th day of April, 2024.


Andy Beshear
Governor

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