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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING SENATE BILL 105 OF THE
2021 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:

Senate Bill 105 of the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing Senate Bill 105. While the redevelopment of abandoned and blighted properties is a laudable goal, this bill sets the bar to seize Kentuckians' property too low, and is especially problematic while we are still fighting a global health pandemic where safe housing is a priority.

For example, the standards under which a property could be taken are extraordinarily broad and subject to manipulation. Senate Bill 105 allows someone to seize property if it is vacant for one year. At one year, this could allow people to take advantage of people in nursing homes, or those who are ill. While abandoned and blighted properties need attention, Senate Bill 105 is not the answer.

This the 23rd day of March, 2021.

Andy Beshear
Governor

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