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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING SENATE BILL 93 OF THE
2021 REGULAR SESSION

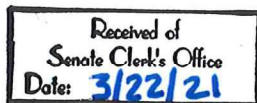
I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

Senate Bill 93 of the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing Senate Bill 93 because it undermines the importance of agriculture in the Commonwealth. Agriculture is a critical driver of the Kentucky economy as a multibillion dollar industry that employs tens of thousands of Kentuckians. Because of its significance, multiple constitutional officers have roles in the industry. The agriculture industry's recognition of its importance is evident in the Governor making appointments to the State Board of Agriculture based on his role with economic development and as the highest elected and most prominent constitutional officer. Removing the Governor's involvement, even in part, will hurt both the agriculture industry and the Commonwealth. Indeed, Senate Bill 93 completely removes the Governor's role in the State Board of Agriculture.

I am also vetoing Senate Bill 93 because it is unconstitutional. Senate Bill 93 violates the Kentucky Constitution by attempting to completely remove the appointing authority of the Governor for the State Board of Agriculture – a board within the executive department. Senate Bill 93 violates Sections 69 and 76 of the Kentucky Constitution by infringing on the Governor's executive power to appoint members of a board within the executive department. Senate Bill 93 also violates Section 81 of the Kentucky Constitution by attempting to prevent the Governor from carrying out his duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed through the complete removal of his authority to appoint members of a board within the executive department.

This the 22nd day of March, 2021.



2:21 pm
On Hold

Andy Beshear
Governor