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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 581 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 581 of the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

House Bill 581 is another instance of the General Assembly interfering with local government decisions on local matters. The bill preempts local governments from using a zoning process, or from adopting or enforcing their own ordinances or decisions concerning the location of retail filling stations within their jurisdiction. In House Bill 581, the General Assembly also imposes big state government control over local governments' planning decisions regarding the deployment of electric vehicle charging stations. These local decisions about matters within local governments' jurisdiction should be left to the local officials elected to make them.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 581.

This, the 2nd day of April, 2024.

Andy Beshear
Governor

