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BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

July 1, 2012

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 820, "Clean Energy and Economic Security Act"

I support hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking" for natural gas, because I believe it can and should be part of a comprehensive mix of energy sources that will create jobs, reduce costs for businesses and families, and keep our economy growing. Before we "frack," however, we need strong safeguards in place that are specifically adapted to conditions in North Carolina.

This bill does not do enough to ensure that adequate protections for our drinking water, landowners, county and municipal governments, and the health and safety of our families will be in place before fracking begins. I urged the sponsors of the bill to adopt a few changes to ensure that strong protections would be in place before any fracking would occur.

The General Assembly was unwilling to adopt the changes I suggested. Therefore, I must veto the bill. Our drinking water and the health and safety of North Carolina's families are too important; we can't put them in jeopardy by rushing to allow fracking without proper safeguards.

I urge the General Assembly to continue working on this important issue. If they improve the bill to strengthen the protections for North Carolina families, I will sign it into law.

Therefore, I veto this bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beverly Eaves Perdue".

Beverly Eaves Perdue

This bill having been vetoed is returned to the Clerk of North Carolina Senate on this 1st day of July 2012, at _____ for reconsideration by that body.

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