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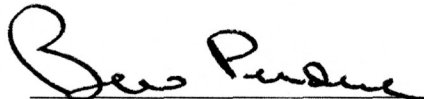
**GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE**

*House Bill 351, "An Act To Restore Confidence in Government By Requiring That Voters Provide Photo Identification Before Voting"*

The right to vote is among the most precious freedoms we have – both as Americans and North Carolinians. Now more than ever it is vital for our citizens to have the ability to fully exercise their constitutionally guaranteed right to cast their ballots in an election. What we do not need is the creation of new obstacles to voting. House Bill 351 is just that – an unnecessary and purely partisan intrusion on the right to vote that is nowhere sanctioned in our State Constitution and will serve only to reduce voting in this State – particularly among elderly, poor, and African American voters. This bill has nothing to do with voter fraud and everything to do with voter suppression.


Over the last fifty years, many brave men and women fought valiantly to eliminate barriers to voting. I refuse to allow the General Assembly to turn back the clock to the days when the right to vote was enjoyed only by some citizens rather than by all citizens.

Therefore, I veto this bill.

  
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*This bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this 23 day of June, 2011, at 4:33pm for reconsideration by that body.*

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