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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 18 OF THE 2024 REGULAR SESSION**

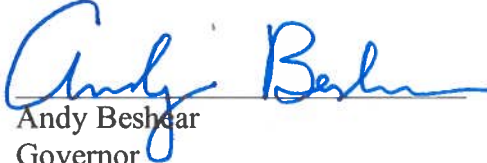
I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

House Bill 18 of the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing House Bill 18 because it removes local government control and autonomy, with the General Assembly dictating how local governments act to prevent discrimination in housing. Both Louisville and Lexington adopted ordinances to prohibit landlords from refusing to rent housing based on a person's lawful source of income. House Bill 18 erases a local government's ability to adopt such ordinances, and mandates that local governments cannot adopt or enforce such ordinances when the person's lawful source of income to pay rent includes funding from a federal assistance program. Federal assistance is an important tool to help veterans, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and families of low income obtain housing. House Bill 18 allows landlords to refuse to provide them that housing.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 18.

This, the 5th day of March, 2024.


Andy Beshear
Governor