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GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 482, "An Act to Authorize Additional Connections to Water Supply Lines Funded By the Clean Water and Natural Gas Critical Needs Bond Act of 1998 and to Direct the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to Waive the Penalty Assessed Against Certain Poor Counties for Certain Water Quality Violations"

This bill is unconstitutional. The North Carolina Constitution, as interpreted by our Supreme Court, requires that money paid as civil penalties be given to the public school system and not be used for any other purposes. House Bill 482, however, would allow the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to return such money to counties to be used for non-education related purposes, which would be in clear violation of the Constitution.

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 <u>27</u> day of June, 2011, at <u>5:11 pm</u> for reconsideration by that body.

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