

August 19, 2013

**SENATE BILL NO. 1868  
(First Reprint)**

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Senate Bill No. 1868 (First Reprint) without my approval.

This bill would exempt from the Sales and Use Tax the sale of services performed to pre-written computer software delivered electronically and used directly and exclusively in the conduct of the purchaser's business, trade, or occupation. I return this bill without my approval because it was passed outside of the budget process. As I have repeatedly stated, legislation with a fiscal impact should be considered in the context of negotiating a balanced budget in order to maintain fiscal discipline.

This year, my Administration and the Legislature worked collaboratively to develop the Fiscal Year 2014 budget. The 2014 budget appropriately addresses the needs of our State and responsibly balances priorities resulting in a fiscally sound budget that maintains our State's path to prosperity.

Without commenting on the merits of this bill, I cannot support this bill, which will have a fiscal impact on the State, because the Legislature passed it outside of the budget process.

Accordingly, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 1868 (First Reprint) without my approval.

Respectfully,

/s/ Chris Christie  
Governor

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Attest:

/s/ Charles B. McKenna  
Chief Counsel to the Governor