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Representatives,

Today I am returning Enrolled House Bill 4866 to you without my approval.

This bill would allow privately owned military surplus vehicles to be registered as historic vehicles and used on roads. Governor Snyder vetoed a similar bill in 2018 due to concerns about the on-road use of vehicles that were not manufactured for such a purpose. I share his concerns.

Although this bill provides an additional safeguard by requiring a safety inspection for these vehicles, it does not provide for any implementation of this requirement. Further, these vehicles still would not be required to meet road safety and emissions standards.

Because I do not believe that it is appropriate for vehicles manufactured strictly for military use to be used on public streets and roads, I am vetoing this bill.

Respectfully,

Gretchen Whitmer

Governor