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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Byrd:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 494 (CS/CS/SB 494), enacted during the 126th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session 2024 and entitled:

An act relating to Graduate Program Admissions

Standardized tests are a necessary component of a rigorous, merit-based admissions process. While the motivation behind this legislation is laudable, it is not clear that waiving these tests will be beneficial to our institutions or even, in many cases, to the students themselves.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/CS/SB 494 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor