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The Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 988 by Representative Jones

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 988 by Representative Jones retroactively increases benefits for certain adult probation and parole officers within Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS).

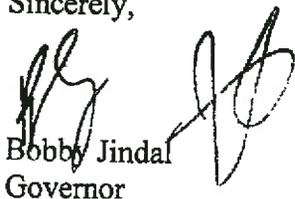
The beneficiaries of the changes in House Bill No. 988 are not asked to pay more to support these increased costs, even though adult probation and parole officers who have received similar increases in benefits were required to fund the upgrade. LASERS has asked for a veto of the bill.

Louisiana's public pension systems impose a large burden on Louisiana taxpayers. We cannot continue to raise state retirement benefits at the expense of other critical areas like higher education and healthcare.

I vetoed House Bill No. 478 of the 2011 Regular Session, which included similar provisions.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 988 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,


Bobby Jindal
Governor