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

Re: House Bill No. 577 by Representative Katrina Jackson

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 577 significantly limits the private property rights of Louisiana residents by prohibiting them from challenging, as an interested third party, the annexation of publicly owned property by a municipality. This bill applies to all municipality annexations throughout the state, and is not limited to the specific municipality for which the legislation was intended. If this bill were to become law, property owners who do not own the public property to be annexed, but have a real and actual personal stake in the outcome of the annexation, will no longer have the legal standing necessary to challenge that annexation currently established under R.S. 33:174. Further, I have received veto requests from legislators, concerned constituents and the Louisiana REALTORS.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 577 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Bobby Jindal
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cc: Honorable Glenn Koepp

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