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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable John A. Alario, Jr.  
Louisiana Senate President  
Louisiana State Senate  
Post Office Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: Veto of Senate Bill 462 of the 2018 Regular Session

Dear President Alario:

Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 462 of the 2018 Regular Session. This bill eliminates the ability of local governments to pursue certain affordable housing programs known as inclusionary zoning. Inclusionary zoning policies have been utilized by local governments across the country to boost affordable housing and other social outcomes. As drafted, this bill may jeopardize federal funding available to local governments for affordable housing programs.

Currently, no municipality or political subdivision in Louisiana has pursued the strategies the bill seeks to restrict. Therefore, if inclusionary zoning is an important tool for our cities and parishes, I encourage them to authorize and implement policies in this upcoming year. If local governments in Louisiana do not actively pursue these policies over the course of the next year, I will conclude that it is not their will to utilize these strategies and I will be inclined to sign a similar piece of legislation in the 2019 Regular Session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Taylor Barras  
Speaker of the House of Representatives