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Honorable Taylor F. Barras
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
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RE: Veto of House Bill 497 of the 2019 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 497 of the 2019 Regular Session.

House Bill 497 would have required approval by majority vote of both the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, not only interjecting political decision making into the affairs of non-governmental entities, but also violating Art. II, Sec. 2 of the Louisiana Constitution, which provides for a separation of powers between the branches of state government. Furthermore, each entity that receives capital outlay funding signs a cooperative endeavor agreement that already provides for sufficient protections for protecting taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

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

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable John Alario
Louisiana Senate President

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