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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Representative Taylor F. Barras
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RE: HB 308

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Please be advised that I have exercised my veto authority pursuant to La. Constitution Art. 3, Section 16 with regard to House Bill 308 of the 2016 Regular Session.

As you know, Governor Jindal granted several pay raises before he left office in January, and several bills were filed to ensure that future outgoing administrations would be prohibited from doing the same. I support this prohibition. As such, I have signed Senate Bills 49 and 57, both of which prohibit pay raises in the last days of a gubernatorial term. These bills provide significant protections to ensure that the actions of the previous administration will not be repeated.

However, I do not believe that HB 308 is necessary. This legislation is duplicative of what is accomplished by Senate Bills 49 and 57, and does not provide any further reasonable protections. Further, HB 308 applies to classified employees, and this legislation would restrict the Civil Service Commission from moving to an employee anniversary date policy for salary adjustments.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor

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