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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

RE: Veto of Senate Bill 171 of the 2019 Regular Session

Dear President Alario:

Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 171 of the 2019 Regular Session.

Senate Bill 171 would repeal provisions of law enacted in the 2018 Regular Session that established a five-year sunset on reports required to be submitted by executive branch agencies to the legislature. Each standing committee is authorized to extend the sunset for individual reports in its discretion.

Agencies are required to submit hundreds of reports to the legislature annually, many of which are required by legislation enacted many years ago that no longer serve a useful purpose. However, state employees and agencies continue to expend both time and money to prepare these reports. Allowing the reporting requirements to sunset unless reauthorized will create efficiencies within executive branch agencies that will allow our limited resources to be utilized elsewhere.

Sincerely,

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

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable Taylor Barras
Speaker of the House of Representatives