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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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RE: Line Item Vetoes in House Bill 1 of the 2021 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder and President Cortez:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have signed House Bill 1 of the 2021 Regular Session. However, I have exercised my line item veto authority granted to me to veto 8 items.

I have exercised my line item veto authority as follows:

- Veto No. 1: Delete Lines 16-19 on Page 4 of 230, beginning with the last sentence (“Any subsequent change...”):** This language is unnecessary, as this oversight of the Personal Services expenditure categories is already performed by the Executive Branch. Further, this provision violates Article II, Section 2 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- Veto No. 2: Delete Lines 21-25 on Page 12 of 230:** This language is unnecessary, as this information is already provided throughout the bill. Additionally, this oversight is afforded to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget through the budget adjustment process.
- Veto No. 3: Delete Lines 26-30 on Page 12 of 230:** This language is unnecessary, as this oversight of agency expenditures is already performed by the Executive Branch.
- Veto No. 4: Delete Lines 46-48 on Page 18 of 230:** This amendment would reduce necessary funding for operating services and contractual obligations.

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- Veto No. 5: Delete Lines 1-3 on Page 20 of 230:** This language is unnecessary oversight of the Homeowners Assistance Fund program. Further, this provision violates Article II, Section 2 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- Veto No. 6: Delete Lines 23-35 on Page 88 of 230:** The entities that are transferring the funds are in the best position to identify or verify the source of their funds set for transfer, not the Department. Thus, the transferring entity is the entity which should certify as to the fact that the funds transferred are “public funds” pursuant to federal regulation. Further, this provision violates Article II, Section 2 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- Veto No. 7: Delete Lines 12-13 on Page 197 of 230:** This item contains an unnecessary appropriation.
- Veto No. 8: Delete Lines 38-40 on Page 199 of 230:** This item contains an unnecessary appropriation.

Enclosed is a copy of the signed version of House Bill 1. I have sent the original to the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

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