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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Patrick Page Cortez
President of the Senate
Louisiana Senate
Post Office Box 94062
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

RE: Veto of Senate Bill 142 of the 2022 Regular Session

Dear President Cortez:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have vetoed Senate Bill 142 of the 2022 Regular Session.

If enacted, this bill would eliminate the discretion the courts, prosecutors, and criminal defendants currently have to enter into negotiated plea agreements and post-conviction sentencing agreements for certain crimes of violence that would allow a sentence to be imposed that is less than the minimum term of confinement provided for by the penalty provisions for those offenses. Further, the bill seeks to provide for an enhancement of the enhanced penalties already provided for in the habitual offender law for convictions of crimes of violence and sex offenses. For these reasons, Senate Bill 142 will not become law.

Enclosed is the vetoed version of Senate Bill 142.

Sincerely,

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

John Bel Edwards
Governor

enclosure

cc: Honorable Clay Schexnayder
Speaker of the House of Representatives