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Honorable Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President
Louisiana State Senate
Post Office Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: Veto of Senate Bill 441 of the 2022 Regular Session

Dear President Cortez:

Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 441 of the Regular Session of 2022.

This bill changed significantly after the adoption of an amendment in the conference committee report regarding the eligibility for certain public employees to run for local offices. This provision would only apply to certain employees, causing inexplicable and inequitable treatment of state workers. This inconsistent treatment would have been brought to light and potentially resolved if this amendment had been fully debated by the legislature. However, because this amendment was crafted in conference committee and without debate, there was no due consideration of this issue. Should the author of this bill wish to disqualify certain public employees from seeking elected office, he should bring a bill next session that can be properly considered.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor

enclosure

cc: Honorable Clay Schexnayder
Speaker of the House of Representatives