

July 1, 2021

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

RE: Veto of Senate Bill 63 of the 2021 Regular Session

Dear President Cortez:

Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 63 of the 2021 Regular Session.

This bill is intended to provide clarity on where an absentee ballot may be returned if hand delivered. However, as finally passed, it is now unclear as to whether hand delivery can only take place during the period for conducting early voting or whether hand delivery can take place at an early voting location if it is during the time period for conducting early voting. Access to voting is too important for this uncertainty and so I have vetoed this bill.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable Clay Schexnayder
Speaker of the House of Representatives