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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 141 of the 2022 Regular Session

Dear President Cortez:

Please be advised that I vetoed Senate Bill 141 of the 2022 Regular Session.

While I appreciate the author's efforts to enshrine aspects of the Affordable Care Act into state law, limiting the applicability of these protections to vaccination status only could serve to further complicate the already labyrinthine health insurance market. Furthermore, the inclusion of vaccination status only contributes to the false narrative that vaccines are anything other than safe, effective, and vital to protecting public health.

Protecting healthcare consumers requires a comprehensive examination and overhaul of state statutes. I welcome the author of this bill to work with my office on crafting a measure that protects every Louisianans regardless of their pre-existing conditions.

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