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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable John A. Alario, Jr.
Louisiana Senate President
Louisiana Senate
Post Office Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: Veto of Senate Bill 86 of the 2017 Regular Session

Dear President Alario:

Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 86 of the 2017 Regular Session. Generally, district attorneys provide legal counsel for certain legal entities within their respective districts. The parishes of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, Ouachita, Morehouse, Calcasieu, and Vermilion have relieved the district attorneys in the judicial districts of their respective parishes from this duty and have employed or retained their own attorneys. SB 86 sought to include Acadia Parish as an exception to this general arrangement with the district attorney, and was amended to include Cameron Parish. I have exercised my veto authority due to the fact that, as a result of the amendment, there was less opportunity for public comment from those impacted on an issue of particularly local concern.

Sincerely,

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

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable Alfred Speer