

June 29, 2021

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

RE: Veto of House Bill 148 of the 2021 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 148 of the 2021 Regular Session.

This bill would give a state sales tax exemption to the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Monroe. While I have strongly supported this school and congratulate the administration for successfully completing its first year of operation, I do not believe that the author of the bill made a sufficient case of why this tax exemption is necessary at this time. I will be more than happy to have discussions with the leadership of the school over the next year to determine whether this issue needs to be revisited in a future session.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President