

July 1, 2021

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

RE: Veto of House Bill 263 of the 2021 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 263 of the 2021 Regular Session.

This bill, as finally passed, would carve out an exception to the prohibition of a judge, magistrate, district attorney, or assistant district attorney being chosen to serve on a medical review panel for purposes of the review required for a medical malpractice lawsuit. This would establish the only carve out within the medical review panel process to date. Because this carve out would only exist until August 1, 2031, it can only be assumed that it is intentional and for a specific individual in the City of Shreveport. Best practices have always ensured the legislature pass laws for the general and not the specific.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez  
Louisiana Senate President