

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 438 of the 2021 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 438 of the 2021 Regular Session.

This bill purports to be a common sense policy – to ensure that people who request public records are who they say they are. However, in practice, it will result in something entirely different. This bill, if enacted into law, would very likely be used, at best, to delay responses to public records requests or, at worst, intimidate members of the public into withdrawing their requests. There is simply no good reason for this bill.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President