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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
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RE: Veto of House Bill 504 of the 2023 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 504 of the Regular Session of 2023.

This bill attempted to repeal La. R.S. 42:31, which was originally enacted as Act 264 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. As a member of the House of Representatives, I authored this piece of legislation, which simply requires that all state employees who receive \$100,000 or more in compensation from the State of Louisiana maintain their driver's license in Louisiana and register their vehicles in Louisiana. The citizens of Louisiana should know that those who receive lucrative state employment, who are compensated in taxpayer dollars at a rate that is more than double the median household income in this state, are held to the same rules and market conditions that our citizens are faced with every day. When I authored this legislation in 2013, I believed it to be good public policy and continue to believe so. Accordingly, House Bill 504 will not become law.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor

enclosure

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President