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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
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House of Representatives  
Clerk's Office

RE: Veto of House Bill 646 of the 2023 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 646 of the Regular Session of 2023.

This bill is similar to House Bill 35 of the 2022 Regular Session and House Bill 138 of the 2021 Regular Session. Those bills would have required the Secretary of State to conduct a supplemental annual canvass of voters in addition to the existing annual canvass conducted by registrars of voters pursuant to La. R.S. 18:192. The primary difference in House Bill 646 is that the supplemental annual canvass would occur at the same time as the regular annual canvass, instead of after registrars send address confirmation cards. Even with this minor change, the supplemental annual canvass would remain duplicative and expand the possibility that voters would be removed from the rolls.

For the same reasons I vetoed House Bill 138 in 2021 and House Bill 35 in 2022, I have vetoed House Bill 646.

Sincerely,

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

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

enclosure

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez  
Louisiana Senate President