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The Honorable Phillip DeVillier Speaker of the House 900 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Baton Rouge, LA 70804 The Honorable Cameron Henry President of the Senate 900 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: Line Item Veto in House Bill No. 781 of the 2024 Regular Session

Dear Speaker DeVillier and President Henry:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have signed House Bill No. 781 of the 2024 Regular Session. However, I have exercised my line item veto authority granted to me to veto 1 item as follows:

Veto No. 1: Delete Lines 25-29, Section C., on Page 10 of 11

This Section relates to a required work point study of the appellate and district courts in Louisiana. However, the study at issue is not scheduled to be completed until February 1, 2025, which is more than halfway through the fiscal year. Additionally, the Supreme Court establishes its own work study and caseload evaluation pursuant to the authority granted to it in La. Const. art. V. On the recommendation of the judiciary commission, the Supreme Court has the authority to censure, suspend, remove from office, and even withhold salary for a variety of reasons, including willful and persistent failure to perform his duty. La. Const. art. V, § 25.

Enclosed is a copy of the signed version of House Bill No. 781. I have sent the original to the Secretary of State.

Sincerely.

Jeff Landry Governor

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