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The Honorable Michelle Fontenot
Clerk of the House
State Capitol
900 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: House Bill Number 950 of the 2026 Regular Session by Representative Delisha Boyd

Dear Speaker DeVillier and Clerk Fontenot:

I am notifying you that I have vetoed House Bill 950 from the 2026 Regular Session by Representative Delisha Boyd.

This bill purports to create a new program within the Office of Elderly Affairs. While the bill mandates that the Office of Elderly Affairs create the new program, it simultaneously provides that the provisions are to be implemented subject to the availability of existing resources and shall not require additional appropriations. The bill's use of mandatory language "shall," while also limiting implementation "to the extent practicable using existing resources," creates an unreasonable disconnect between what the law appears to promise and what the agency is actually capable of delivering. The public should be able to assume that when a law mandates action, the necessary resources have been provided to carry it out.

The underlying concept of the program is sound, and I do not object to its purpose. However, many of the duties contemplated by this legislation are already being performed at both the state and federal level by the Office of Financial Institutions, the Department of Insurance, the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission. Creating an entirely new program within a separate agency which duplicates responsibilities without providing funding is poor public policy. Additionally, there is currently a Senior Task Force on Fraud Prevention that is studying these very issues with a report due on February 1, 2027, which will include specific proposals for legislation. I look forward to reviewing legislation that results from the Senior Task Force on Fraud Prevention.

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House Bill 950 Veto Message

In the future, I hope that legislation expanding the scope of government reaches my desk only when the agency can either realistically absorb the new responsibilities within its existing resources or an appropriation has been made sufficient to implement the program as written.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 950 of the 2026 Regular Session.

For Louisiana,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Landry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Landry

Governor

Enclosure: Returned House Bill 950