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The Honorable Alfred Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: House Bill No. 415 by Representative Stephen Ortego

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 415 requires the Department of Transportation and Development to submit a plan amendment to the US Department of Transportation to allow new and replacement standard traffic signs to be bilingual. As originally filed, the bill restricted bilingual signage to French, a language with which Louisiana has a long and standing cultural history. However, the bill was amended to include any language, which may or may not have a cultural connection to Louisiana.

In lieu of this legislation, I will issue an executive order instructing the Department of Transportation and Development to submit a plan amendment to the US Department of Transportation to allow new and replacement standard traffic signs to be displayed in both English and French.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 415 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Bobby Jindal  
Governor