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June 20, 2014

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

Re: House Bill No. 907 by Representative Karen St. Germain

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 907 authorizes the state to implement the federal REAL ID Act. Under the Act, states are required to come into compliance by January 2016 to ensure access for their residents on domestic commercial flights. This timeline is still a year and a half away while this legislation would subject the State of Louisiana to unnecessary federal oversight of our drivers' licenses. This is why the Eagle Forum, the Louisiana Family Forum and Tea Party of Louisiana have asked for a veto of the bill due to concerns about whether it will compromise Louisiana's sovereignty over what is fundamentally a state method of identification.

These concerns appear to be shared in other states. In fact, as of April 2014, only 20 states are recognized as compliant by the federal Department of Homeland Security. Given the time still available to review the unintended and potentially far reaching consequences of compliance in Louisiana, Louisiana State Police has requested additional time to vet this change and requested that I veto this legislation. Therefore, I have vetoed House Bill No. 907 and hereby return it to the House.

Sincerely,

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Bobby Jindal
Governor

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