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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
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RE: Veto of House Bill 182 of the 2023 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 182 of the Regular Session of 2023.

As I wrote in my veto message for a similar bill, House Bill 54 of the 2022 Regular Session, “the bill is unnecessary and perpetuates the false narrative that the residents of Louisiana face vaccine mandates to access government services or attend schools. This is not the case. The bill also seeks to undermine public confidence in vaccines, which are safe, effective, and essential to public health.”

What was true a year ago remains true now. I continue to have the utmost confidence in our Department of Health to protect the health and safety of the people of Louisiana, and I trust its judgment and expertise in matters of public health. For these reasons, I have vetoed the bill.

Accordingly, House Bill 182 will not become law.

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