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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President
Louisiana State Senate
Post Office Box 94183
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RE: Veto of Senate Bill 224 of the 2022 Regular Session

Dear President Cortez:

Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 224 of the Regular Session of 2022.

This well-intentioned bill would allow for remote operations of the Louisiana Legislature during a declared emergency. While this bill would certainly allow for needed changes for access of legislative members and the public to the necessary operations of the legislative branch, Article 3, Section 2 (A) of the Louisiana Constitution requires, without exception, the legislature to meet "in the state capital." Thus, without a constitutional amendment, this bill violates this constitutional provision. The companion amendment, Senate Bill 225, did not finally pass the legislature. Thus, this bill cannot become law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards
Governor

enclosure

cc: Honorable Clay Schexnayder
Speaker of the House of Representatives