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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Page Cortez  
Louisiana Senate President  
Louisiana State Senate  
Post Office Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: Veto of Senate Bill 441 of the 2022 Regular Session

Dear President Cortez:

Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 441 of the Regular Session of 2022.

This bill changed significantly after the adoption of an amendment in the conference committee report regarding the eligibility for certain public employees to run for local offices. This provision would only apply to certain employees, causing inexplicable and inequitable treatment of state workers. This inconsistent treatment would have been brought to light and potentially resolved if this amendment had been fully debated by the legislature. However, because this amendment was crafted in conference committee and without debate, there was no due consideration of this issue. Should the author of this bill wish to disqualify certain public employees from seeking elected office, he should bring a bill next session that can be properly considered.

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