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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 103 of the 2022 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have vetoed House Bill 103 of the 2022 Regular Session.

This bill would have required any person over the age of seventeen who has been convicted of the offense of production or manufacturing of methamphetamine to register with local law enforcement, similar to those convicted of certain sex offenses, regardless of whether the person received a deferred sentence and successfully completed the terms of probation, successfully completed a drug court program, or had the conviction expunged. Furthermore, the legislation would have required lifetime registration for those with two or more convictions. It should be noted that the fiscal note indicates there would be increased costs to law enforcement to implement the registration system this bill would have required. Substance abuse is a serious problem and we should be focusing on providing resources to help treat people with addiction issues rather than creating a registration process that places a scarlet letter on a person convicted of this sole drug offense.

Enclosed is the vetoed version of House Bill 103.

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