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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Clay Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
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RE: Veto of House Bill 1059 of the 2022 Regular Session

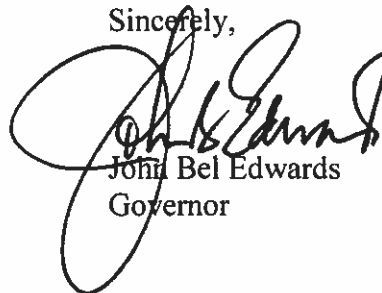
Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have vetoed House Bill 1059 of the 2022 Regular Session.

As originally filed, this bill would have provided for contradictory hearings being conducted prior to bail being granted to certain persons charged with crimes of violence. However, a Senate floor amendment, concurred in by the House, would mandate the court revoke post-conviction bail granted to a defendant if the defendant is arrested for any offense provided for in Title 14 while out on post-conviction bail prior to sentencing. Not only would this legislation deprive the court of its discretion to revoke post-conviction bail, it would also deprive the defendant of due process by mandating revocation based solely on an arrest, for which the defendant would be presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Enclosed is the vetoed version of House Bill 1059.

Sincerely,



John Bel Edwards
Governor

enclosure

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President