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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
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RE: Line Item Veto in House Bill 12 of the 2020 First Extraordinary Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have signed House Bill 12 of the First Extraordinary Session with one line item veto.

Veto No. 1: I have vetoed lines 30-31 on page 3 and lines 1-10 of page 4 of the bill. This same item was vetoed in House Bill 1 of the 2020 First Extraordinary Session. This mandate, in violation of Article 10, Section 10 of the Louisiana Constitution, encroaches upon the exclusive constitutional authority of the State Civil Service Commission to regulate the compensation of employees in the classified service and meet its duty to maintain a uniform pay and classification plan. In implementing the compensation redesign plan in 2017, the State Civil Service Commission sought to rectify the drain upon the state's financial resources caused by employee turnover and inability to recruit qualified personnel. The market adjustment required by Civil Service Rule 6.32 is a critical component in the state's ability to maintain a skilled workforce to provide quality service to our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards", is written over a circular embossed seal. The seal contains the text "OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR" and "STATE OF LOUISIANA".

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President