

July 1, 2021

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
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RE: Veto of House Bill 571 of the 2021 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 571 of the 2021 Regular Session.

House Bill 571 both expands physical locations where alcohol may be delivered by a third party delivery company and limits which package house Class B permit holders are eligible to use a third party delivery company for delivery.

Currently, there are restrictions on where alcohol may be delivered, both by W-2 employees of an alcohol retailer and by third party alcohol delivery companies. In crafting the original legislation for alcohol delivery, great care was taken to ensure that alcohol could not be delivered to college campuses. Despite the fact that the stated goal of the author of House Bill 571 was to make sure alcohol is not being delivered to college kids on campus, the language of this bill as finally passed would limit where on campus alcohol delivery is restricted to only those buildings *owned* or *operated* by the higher education institution, opening up the possibility of delivery to fraternity and sorority houses on campus thereby increasing accessibility to underage students. No delivery to college campuses should be permissible and this would be consistent with existing statutory framework for alcohol delivery.

If enacted, House Bill 571 would eliminate the ability of every package house Class-B permit holder to use a third-party delivery company or a third-party platform to facilitate the sale and delivery of alcohol, *except* grocery stores. Under current law, all package house Class-B permit holders have the ability to use a third-party delivery company or a third-party platform to facilitate the sale and delivery of alcohol. Businesses like grocery stores, stand-alone liquor stores, and convenience stores hold package house Class-B permits and are authorized now to utilize either a third-party delivery company or a third-party platform to facilitate alcohol delivery. This legislation, if signed into law, may unconstitutionally impair contracts already entered into by

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package house Class-B permit holders, *other than grocery stores*, with third-party delivery companies and third-party platforms for alcohol delivery.

For these reasons, this bill will not become law.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President