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Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
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RE: Veto of House Bill 188 of the 2023 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 188 of the 2023 Regular Session.

House Bill 188 allows the district attorney to compel the court to determine whether a defendant is a "dangerous offender" when filing a bill of information. Such piece of legislation is unnecessary as provisions governing the calculation of sentences and parole eligibility based on one's prior history of felony convictions exists in current law.

Therefore, House Bill 188 is not needed and it should not become law.

For this reason, I have vetoed the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President