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The Honorable Cameron Henry
President of the Senate
900 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

The Honorable Yolanda Dixon
Secretary of the Senate
900 North Third Street, Basement
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: Senate Bill 87 of the 2025 Regular Session by Senator Regina Barrow

Dear President Henry and Secretary Dixon:

I am writing to inform you that I have vetoed Senate Bill 87 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session. It is no secret that George Soros, Kamala Harris, and the rest of the radical left has declared war on the concept of pre-trial bail advocating instead for letting criminals back out onto our streets and in our communities to commit further crimes with no oversight or accountability. One of the most popular tools in their arsenal is the use of "bail funds", funded and supported by George Soros and similar radicals, that put up cash money deposits for bail for criminals they've often never met and with whom they have no connection.

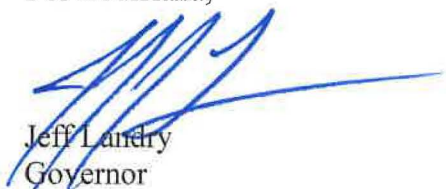
Bail is a fundamental concept within our criminal justice system, and the sole purpose of bail is to ensure that the defendant, if released, will acknowledge and comply with the orders of the Court, including showing up for all scheduled court appearances up to and including the trial on those criminal charges. Of course, the incentives to ensure the defendant complies with these obligations are also strong for the defendant's family members and for bail bondsman who have both legal and financial responsibilities to the Court when posting bail on a defendant's behalf. However, these radical left wing "bail funds" have no connection to the defendant, no legal obligations or responsibilities to the Court or the community, and a stated goal of abolishing the bail system as we know it.

Senate Bill 87 seeks to encourage and protect these "bail funds" despite the fact that these "bail funds" have no intention of protecting the citizens of Louisiana or encouraging public safety and accountability in our criminal justice system. The supporters of Senate Bill 87 argued that it is not fair that these unaccountable "bail funds" do not get court required notices of arrest warrants for a defendant's failure to appear in Court or for bail forfeiture hearings related to these failures. But, why should the State of Louisiana prioritize and require notice to these "bail funds" of these events when they have no connection or real incentive to ensure that the defendant actually shows up and

complies with the Court's directives in the first place? We should not, and we cannot allow or encourage these radical left wing organizations to continue to sow chaos in our communities and throughout our criminal justice system through measures such as Senate Bill 87. As I have made clear throughout my time in office, we should be focused on strengthening our communities, steadfastly protecting public safety, and ensuring truth and transparency in our criminal justice system. I look forward to working with the Legislature in the coming years to put in place much needed oversight and stricter rules governing the disruptive activities of these radical left wing "bail funds".

For these reasons, I have determined that Senate Bill 87 will not become law.

For Louisiana,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Landry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Landry
Governor

Enclosure: Returned Senate Bill 87