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The Honorable Phillip R. DeVillier  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
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House of Representatives  
Clerk's Office  
*Raw 4:15pm*

The Honorable Michelle Fontenot  
Clerk of the House  
State Capitol  
900 North Third Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: House Bill Number 581 of the 2025 Regular Session by Representative John R. Illg, Jr.

Dear Speaker DeVillier and Clerk Fontenot:

I am notifying you that I have vetoed House Bill 581 from the 2025 Regular Session.

House Bill 581 fines individuals over 16 who intentionally release, coordinate the release, or otherwise cause the release of a balloon or group of balloons capable of floating into the air.

My authority is to see that the laws of this state are faithfully executed. With this authority comes the power to veto bills that are impossible or impractical to execute, and House Bill 581 is such a bill. If signed into law, police departments across the state will be tasked with tracking down locations from where balloons were released based off eyewitness accounts, only to be met—if met at all—with excuses and finger-pointing to avoid meeting the bill's requirements for a fine to be issued. In addition, local governments have recently adopted ordinances of similar bans that meets the needs of their community. This veto preserves a local government's ability to prohibit a release whenever its community finds a true need for one.

Sincerely,

Jeff Landry  
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Enclosure: Returned House Bill 581 of the 2025 Regular Session