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The Honorable Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 229 by Representative Hazel

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 229 by Representative Hazel amends the definition of "aged person" in the crime of cruelty to the infirmed by increasing the age from 60 to 65 years of age or older. Cruelty to the infirmed is the intentional or criminally negligent mistreatment or neglect by any person whereby unjustifiable pain, malnourishment or suffering is caused to an aged person. I do not see the benefit in raising the age class and taking away the protection afforded our fellow Louisianians.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 229 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

  
Bobby Jindal  
Governor