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

Re: House Bill No. 478 by Representative Montoucet

Dear Mr. Speer:

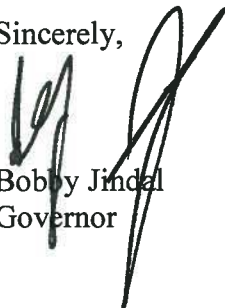
House Bill No. 478 by Representative Montoucet retroactively increases benefits for certain adult probation and parole officers within LASERS.

The beneficiaries of the changes in House Bill No. 478 are not asked to pay more to support these increased costs, even though adult probation and parole officers who have received similar increases in benefits were required to fund the upgrade. LASERS opposed this legislation, and The Retired State Employees Association of Louisiana has asked for a veto of the bill.

Louisiana's public pension systems impose a large burden on Louisiana taxpayers. We cannot continue to raise state retirement benefits at the expense of other critical areas like higher education and healthcare.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 478 and hereby return it to the House.

Sincerely,



Bobby Jindal
Governor