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The Honorable Glenn Koepp
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Senate Bill No. 21 by Senator Riser

Dear Mr. Koepp:

Senate Bill No. 21 by Senator Riser exempts water, mineral water, carbonated water, and flavored water sold in bottles, jugs, or containers from state sales and use tax.

This exemption would result in a state revenue loss of \$8.3 million in the upcoming fiscal year, and a total state revenue loss of \$52.7 million over the next five years. Water delivered to the home through pipes is already exempt from sales tax. I am concerned this could cause our budget for the upcoming year to be out of balance.

It is important that we protect scarce resources for priorities like healthcare and higher education. For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 21 and hereby return it to the Senate.

Sincerely,


Bobby Jindal
Governor