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

Re: Senate Bill No. 255 by Senator Willard-Lewis

Dear Mr. Koepp:

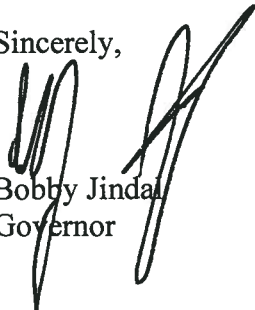
Senate Bill No. 255 by Senator Willard-Lewis creates an individual income tax credit for the purchase and installation of residential energy efficient appliances and systems in the Louisiana residence of a qualified elderly person.

However, there are multiple programs available through the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, which encourage the use of energy efficient appliances and systems in the home. Through the Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program, homeowners can receive up to a \$500 rebate on energy efficient appliances. The HERO program grants up to a \$3,000 rebate for new and existing homes, which meet certain energy efficient standards.

Senate Bill No. 255 is redundant with these existing programs and will reduce state revenues in future fiscal years.

It is important that we protect scarce resources for priorities like healthcare and higher education. For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 255 and hereby return it to the Senate.

Sincerely,



Bobby Jindal
Governor