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The Honorable Phillip DeVillier
Speaker of the House
900 N. 3rd St.
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The Honorable Michelle Fontenot
Clerk of the House
State Capitol
900 N. 3rd St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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RE: House Bill Number 391 of the 2024 Regular Session by Representative Delisha Boyd

Dear Speaker DeVillier and Clerk Fontenot:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 391 of the 2024 Regular Session. This bill seeks to enact a first-of-its-kind express lane for pardons, bypassing review and recommendation from the Board of Pardons and all normal procedures. As written, House Bill 391 explicitly violates the Louisiana Constitution, Article IV, Section 5(E)(1), which states that a favorable recommendation of the Board of Pardons is required before a Governor may even consider exercising his authority to pardon or commute a criminal conviction or sentence. Moreover, House Bill 391 is simply unnecessary as the Louisiana Constitution already provides for an automatic pardon for a first-time nonviolent offense.

Equally troubling, House Bill 391 appears to be an attempt to have Louisiana accept President Biden's invitation to the states to join his soft-on-crime, no-consequences-for-criminals agenda. On behalf of Louisiana and her great people, I decline such an invitation and will continue to fight to strengthen our criminal justice system and the rule of law in Louisiana.

For these reasons, House Bill 391 will not become law.

Sincerely,

Jeff Landry
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Enclosure: Returned House Bill 391