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June 8, 2012

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

Re: House Bill No. 38 by Representative Jones

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 38 by Representative Jones forgives a debt owed to a retirement system by a retiree who received retirement benefits while rehired. The bill sets a dangerous precedent for legislation to grant special benefits to select individuals.

Louisiana's public pension systems impose a large burden on Louisiana taxpayers. We cannot continue to grant additional benefits as we struggle to get our retirement debt and costs under control. The boards of both the Municipal Employees Retirement System and Louisiana State Employees Retirement System have requested a veto.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 38 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobby Jindal".

Bobby Jindal  
Governor