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

Re: House Bill No. 758 by Representative Hutter
Ethics: Requires the Board of Ethics to make available the name of a complainant under certain circumstances.

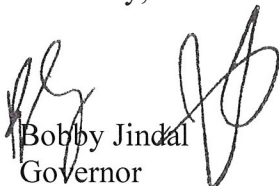
Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill 758 by Representative Hutter would require the Board of Ethics to provide someone accused of an ethics violation with the name of the complainant, upon written request of the accused after the matter has concluded. The legislation specifies that "the accused shall be entitled to know the name of the complainant... [which] shall no longer be deemed confidential or privileged."

While the proposed law attempts to protect public employees who act as whistleblowers, I share the concerns of the Board of Ethics, which voted unanimously to oppose this bill. In a letter dated June 16, 2010, the Chairman of the Board of Ethics wrote that "making public the identity of a complainant will likely result in justified complaints not being filed with the Board of Ethics for fear of retribution for doing so."

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 758 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,


Bobby Jindal
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