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

Re: House Bill No. 334 by Representative Leger

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 334 creates the Casino Support Services Fund and dedicates certain revenues to this new fund. Under House Bill No. 334, the casino support services fund receives its full allocation from resources that would have been deposited in the Support Education in Louisiana First Fund (SELF), which is used to fund salary expenses for pre-K through 12th grade teachers and college faculty.

Efforts have been undertaken by the author and the Division of Administration to find consensus with the bill language. Unfortunately, House Bill No. 334, as was reported from the conference committee, will cause a \$3.6 million shortfall in the FY11 appropriations for Higher Education and the MFP, diverting monies dedicated to salary expenses for pre-K through 12th grade teachers and college faculty. At a time of declining revenues, we should be working together to increase our flexibility in the budget process to protect education and health care instead of increasing the portion of revenues that are dedicated.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 334 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives. There is merit to the author's intent with this legislation; I remain open to considering other alternatives next session.

Sincerely,

Bobby Jindal
Governor

A handwritten signature of Bobby Jindal, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.