

## **The Fiscal Responsibility Program**

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Dear Honorable Speaker and President,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share my thoughts regarding the ongoing efforts to restore fiscal responsibility within our state government, a cause I have passionately supported throughout my 30-plus years in business.

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As Governor Jeff Landry wisely stated, "Everything you strive to do for the people you represent must be done within the restraints of the revenue that is provided to you by people like me, a citizen of Louisiana." This principle is why I agreed to serve alongside Governor Landry and others in our shared mission to restore common-sense fiscal fundamentals to our state government.

Recently, I observed that the media has attempted to complicate our process by framing our informal meetings under public meeting laws. As you may know, I conducted a similar review and program for the Louisiana Department of Justice when the Governor served as Attorney General. That work resulted in significant, real savings for taxpayers. This program builds on that success.

I am concerned that these media actions may discourage citizens who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise to help restore fiscal sanity to our government. It appears that there is an active effort to create obstacles in our pursuit of efficiency. Therefore, I propose that we temporarily suspend formal meetings until this matter is resolved. However, I remain committed to collaborating closely with the legislative auditor and other stakeholders to continue our important work.

As someone with extensive experience in this area, I find it insulting that the media would imply we are engaged in clandestine negotiations that could harm taxpayers. Our objective is to protect taxpayer interests, and it is crucial that we remain focused on this mission without distraction from sensationalist journalism.

By taking this approach, we can engage in candid discussions that will ultimately lead to findings and actions that are transparent to the public. Our hope is to restore trust and credibility with taxpayers who have felt let down by previous administrations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to working together to ensure that we uphold our commitment to the citizens of Louisiana.

For Louisiana,



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