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The Honorable John Bel Edwards
Governor of Louisiana
PO Box 94004
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Dear Governor Edwards,

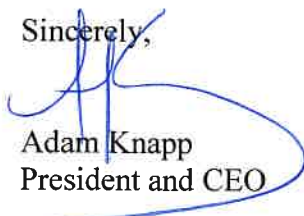
East Baton Rouge Registrar of Voters Doug Welborn recently certified a petition to incorporate a proposed City of St. George in East Baton Rouge. The Baton Rouge Area Chamber (BRAC) understands that the Louisiana Revised Statutes direct the Governor to conduct a gubernatorial review of the petition and, once that review is complete, calling for a special election.

We write to request that you call for the special election on this issue to take place on October 12, 2019. This will provide the affected voters in that part of East Baton Rouge more time to gather information, consider it, and make an informed decision. Alternative election dates before October 12 will not allow this time to critically consider the available information.

Further, because this issue will fundamentally change the future of East Baton Rouge, it is also important that the issue be voted on during an election with the highest possible voter participation. This will encourage as many people who will be affected by the vote to engage in the process, and give them time to evaluate the issue.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,



Adam Knapp
President and CEO