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Honorable John Bel Edwards  
Governor of Louisiana  
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Dear Governor Edwards:

We reach out to you today in response to the numerous calls and emails from our fellow Senators. They express a shared concern from their constituents in regard to the requirement that children wear masks to attend school.

Our request is that you allow the decision for students and masks to be made by local districts under the guidance of the State Superintendent of Education. Local district leaders know their communities and can address the concerns of parents. ***Certainly statements made by your office will serve as a guide***, as we see in Lafayette Parish Schools, the value will continue as to allow parents interaction with local districts on that decision. That parental input will allow districts to tailor their guidelines to suit those concerns and do what is best for students across Louisiana.

Like you, we know our state faces troubling times. Our effort is to restore control to those who also have the best interest of Louisiana's children at heart. To do so would restore confidence that parental rights are taken into account and alleviate fears of government overreach.

Thank you for your efforts for the people of Louisiana.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Patrick Page Cortez and Beth Mizell.

Patrick Page Cortez  
Senate President

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President Pro Tempore