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**VIA EMAIL & HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Taylor F. Barras  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

The Honorable John A. Alario, Jr.  
President  
Louisiana Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Speaker Barras and President Alario:

The Task Force on Structural Changes in Budget and Tax Policy, created by HCR 11, has been meeting throughout the summer to complete its report to the Louisiana Legislature by September 1, 2016 as stated in the concurrent resolution. Due to the recent floods in Louisiana, our meetings have had to be postponed.

As co-chairpersons of the Task Force we are requesting that the due date for the report be changed to September 30, 2016. This will give the Task Force the time to complete testimony being given; fully discuss the alternatives available to the state in making long-term changes in the budget and tax process; and, to prepare and present our report to the Legislature, the Governor, and the public, including the long-term tax plan and recommendations for budget practices.

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We are seeking your guidance in changing the due date from September 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 for the Task Force's report to the Legislature.

With our best wishes,



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