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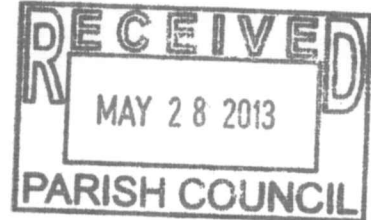
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V.J. ST. PIERRE, JR.
PARISH PRESIDENT

May 24, 2013



Hon. Wendy Benedetto, Chairwoman
St. Charles Parish Council
P. O. Box 302
Hahnville, LA 70057

Re: Veto of Ordinance No. 2013-0185

Dear Mrs. Benedetto:

On May 20, 2013, the St. Charles Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 2013-0185 which amended Ordinance No. 13-3-14 by directing and mandating the Parish President to "execute said Agreement on behalf of St. Charles Parish and to perform all obligations of St. Charles Parish under said Agreement". For the following reasons, Ordinance No. 2013-0185 was not approved.

Once again, the majority of the Council has chosen to ignore the inherent and implicit duties imposed upon the Executive Branch of parish government by the Constitution of the State and Federal governments. While we are a charter form of government, the laws that have been established for centuries cannot be ignored. Your oath of office compels you to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

It is painfully apparent to the public that some members of the Council believe that without Tauzin Consultants, L.L.C. as lobbyist, the sky would fall and our doom will have been met. That is a gross misconception and there are more and better lobbyists to be had for the asking. In fact, there are two lobbyists working for our Parish through the GNO Coalition. The Parish is, therefore, not without representation in Washington. Additionally, our Congressional Delegation has worked diligently to have the Biggert-Waters Act of 2012 amended to relieve insurance premium problems that would occur without amendments. There is a bill to place this matter on hold for five years so this is no immediate need for further Washington representation and no need to pay a lawyer with public funds for an unnecessary purpose. That lawsuit could go on for two years before a final result might be reached at a rate of \$175.00 per hour in lawyer's fees.

Sincerely,

V. J. St. Pierre, Jr.
St. Charles Parish President