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PASS SB Bill 3 as intended with no free gifts for any elected officials.

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Re: PASS SB Bill 3 as intended with no free gifts for any elected officials.

"SB 3 should be approved with its original intent and that means that all elected officials and that includes the Governor's office should not receive free gifts from anyone," said Ruthie Frierson, Chairman of Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans.

Why should Louisiana Legislators get any freebies or perks at all!
They were elected to serve the people not themselves.

Why should legislators or any government official get free Saints and Hornets tickets, the LSU Baseball Regional's ticket packages, the TPC Classic VIP passes, the suite passes for New Orleans Arena blockbuster concerts?

The watered-down, amended version approved by the House which would allow elected officials and members of their immediate families to receive tickets to certain more costly events, is simply disingenuous and renders the bill essentially ineffective.

Citizens from across the state are demanding real and significant ethics reform - the gold standard of ethics laws - open, honest, transparent government....with no watered-down provisions or loop holes that allow for special treatment for the few.

Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans and LA Ethics1, a statewide coalition of good government and civic organizations, representing thousands of Louisiana citizens have voiced support for the highest standards of ethics legislation at the Capitol during this special session of the legislature.

This is our chance to get it right for all the citizens of the state and to send the message to the nation we are serious about good government in Louisiana.

We urge the Senate and any conference committee to reject the House amendments and to pass SB 3 as intended. If they do not, we urge Governor Jindal to veto what is a shamefully flawed piece of legislation.

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