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## Jefferson Chamber Takes Exception to Governor's Executive Order

**METAIRIE, LA** – The Jefferson Chamber of Commerce takes exception to Governor Jindal's Executive Order relating to House Bill 707. Daily, this Chamber works to improve and enhance the business environment in Jefferson Parish, the largest parish in the region. Our great parish is home to the Louis Armstrong International Airport, the state's only NFL and NBA franchises and thousands of employers, including the state's largest.

A healthy workplace and economy depends greatly on openness, fairness and diversity. Our Chamber has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of education, support workforce development initiatives, and create jobs through good policy measures. We have led the charge in supporting and promoting regionalism, working the capitol hallways regularly in favor of pro-business legislation.

In light of our commitment to the free marketplace, the Board of Directors of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce opposes the Executive Order of Governor Jindal that could tarnish our regional reputation as a leader in economic development and tourism. We believe in a business community that supports equality, regardless of sexual orientation, race, cultural background, gender, etc.

We are a Super Bowl City and this Executive Order will essentially result in a destructive financial impact for our region and state.

## About the Jefferson Chamber:

The <u>Jefferson Chamber</u> is a leading voice for Jefferson Parish's business community. As a non-profit, membership-driven organization, the Chamber is an effective advocate for small and large businesses at the local, state and federal levels. The Chamber's mission is to work for the advancement of the business community; to enhance the economic, civic and cultural environment; and to improve the quality of life in Jefferson Parish. The Jefferson Chamber is Four-Star Accredited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and was awarded the 2013 Chamber of the Year Award by the Louisiana Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives in the Large Chamber Category.

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