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Dr. Cleo Allen  
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Dear Mr. Sanchez,

On behalf of the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence, we would like to express our significant concerns regarding governor Jeff Landry's addition of Item 18 in Proclamation 13 JML 2024.

Our organization strives to keep communities safe as we advocate for proper firearm laws that will benefit societies and reduce harm within the United States. We strongly oppose this addition and are willing to give any information regarding why we believe this will be detrimental to the state of Louisiana's gun safety procedures and laws, such as proven statistics of increased homicide rates by weapons used without concealed carry permits.

As an organization, we believe this addition promotes unsafe concealed carrying of firearms and amplifies the potential threat of dangerous situations within the State of Louisiana. We have a strong belief of the potential harm this may bring to the citizens of Louisiana. Item 18 would authorize "the carrying of concealed weapons by certain persons without the necessity of obtaining a permit." We find this concerning as it may give more opportunities for firearms to be brought into places they are not allowed as well as potentially raising the threats of shooting deaths within the State of Louisiana.

Our organization adamantly stands for the safety of Louisiana citizens. If anyone would like to learn more or would like additional information, please refer to our website [efsgv.org](https://efsgv.org).

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Link to supporting facts:

<https://www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/concealed-carry/violent-crime.html>