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Dear Jerrod,

I read with interest your remarks regarding Louisiana's Reaching for Results Program and the LEAP 21 test in the Monroe News Star this week. I think you are right on point. In my talks with students and parents, I have likened the LEAP 21 to a ball game – something to be prepared for and a challenge to be met. Like a ball game, the LEAP test gives students an opportunity to demonstrate what they know and that ought to be an opportunity to be looked forward to and not dreaded. And, if a student has weaknesses it is better to find out early and get them the help they need to succeed.

Rhonda has spoken highly of you in the past and your interview remarks confirm that. We need more people like you in education.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Jones".

Bill Jones
Senator, District 35

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