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SBBA Petition Urges Legislators to Save Louisiana's Future
1800 Signatures Support Restoring Funding to Higher Education

Shreveport-Bossier Business Alliance Executive Director Dr. Johnette Magner will be delivering petitions to each member of the Louisiana Legislature on Wednesday. The online petition to Save Louisiana's Future garnered over 1800 signatures from citizens concerned about the impending cuts to higher education.

The petition urges lawmakers to maintain funding for colleges and universities as the engines of the state's economy and critical to the fabric of communities around Louisiana. There is broad agreement across the institutions and among experts across the nation that if enacted, the dramatic budget cuts proposed in the executive budget will decimate the Louisiana higher education system and drive our students, our professors and Louisiana businesses to look elsewhere for opportunity.

The petition asks that that legislators work across the state and across the aisle to spare Louisiana from decline by forestalling the drastic cuts and instead invest in the future by fully funding the state's higher education institutions.

For a full text of the petition and a list of signatories visit http://sbba4he.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Full_Petition_2015_D1.pdf

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The mission of the Shreveport-Bossier Business Alliance for Higher Education (SBBA) is to promote economic development by aligning the offerings of higher education with the needs of the business community. SBBA members include the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, the Bossier Chamber of Commerce, the Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturing Manager's Council of NWLA, the Biomedical Research Foundation of NWLA, the North Louisiana Economic Partnership, and the Committee of One Hundred.