

From the desk of Eddie Lambert

Dear Constituents,

We are in the early stages of the 2017 Regular Session, and as usual, we are embroiled in a financial crisis. Under the Louisiana Constitution, the Legislature is mandated to have a fiscal session every other year. During this legislative session, we will primarily deal with financial issues that could have a significant impact on you. It is very important that I know what you are thinking so I can represent you in Baton Rouge. Therefore, I have prepared a questionnaire that I would appreciate your answering and returning to me.

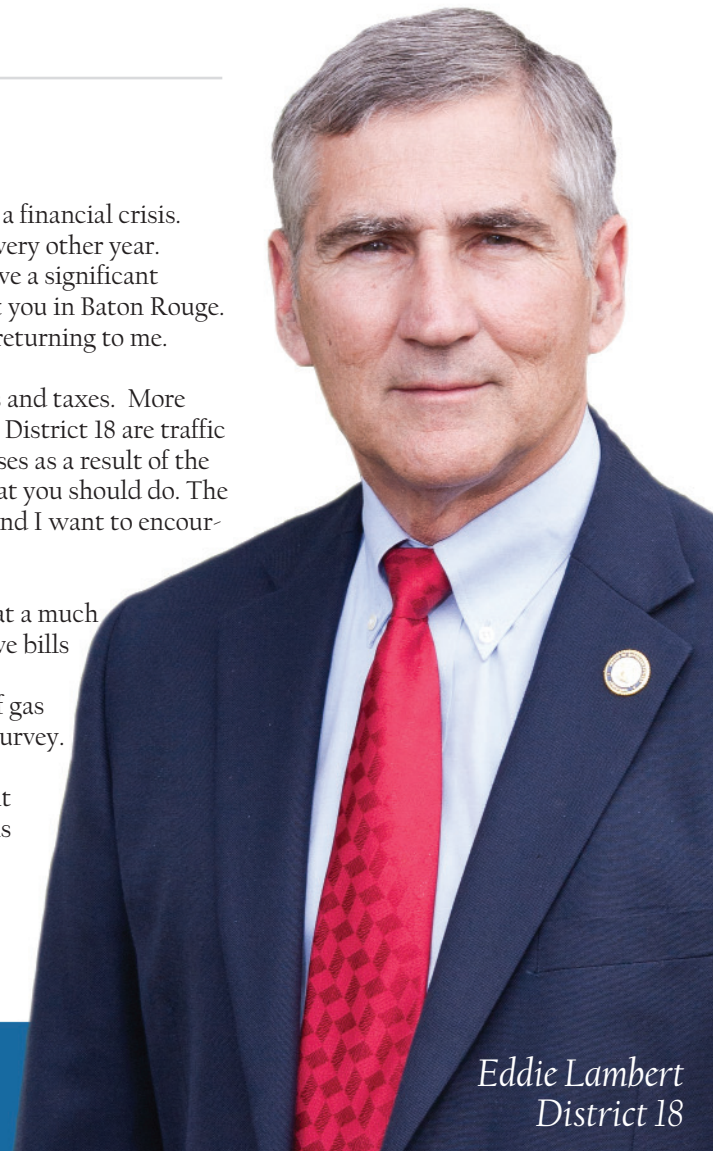
We are faced with a number of issues, including criminal justice reform, tax exemptions and taxes. More specifically, there is a proposed gasoline tax. Two of the biggest issues we face in Senate District 18 are traffic congestion and recovery from the 2016 August flood. Many of you suffered extensive losses as a result of the flood and have rebuilt, are in the process of rebuilding, or are making decisions as to what you should do. The state is in the process of putting together a plan to disburse the federal flood proceeds, and I want to encourage you to register for these funds. Please visit www.restore.la.gov to register.

Traffic congestion continues to be a major concern. Over the years, our area has grown at a much faster rate than the rest of the state, exacerbating our traffic woes. A number of legislative bills have been filed that attempt to raise the gasoline tax by as much as 17 cents per gallon. If this tax passes, it would equate to an additional \$170 per year on every 1,000 gallons of gas purchased. I need to know how you feel on this issue, as well as the other issues in my survey.

Please take the time to complete the survey, and let me know your thoughts by mailing it back to me. You may also email me at lamberte@legis.la.gov with any issues or problems you may have. Very often, the best ideas for governing come directly from the people! Our democracy works best when you share with me your thoughts and ideas.

I appreciate the opportunity to represent you in the Louisiana Senate, and if I can be of assistance, please contact my office at (225) 673-5048.

I look forward to hearing from you and representing your interests.
Together, we can make Louisiana better!
Please contact my legislative office at 225-673-5048 or by email at lamberte@legis.la.gov



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- 1) Do you favor eliminating the death penalty for 1st degree murder?
 Yes No
- 2) Do you think the sentences for burglary offenses should be reduced?
 Yes No
- 3) Do you support increasing the gasoline tax by approximately 17 cents per gallon which would result in paying approximately \$340 more per year on the purchase of 2,000 gallons of fuel?
 Yes No
- 4) How would you rate the Department of Transportation & Development's efficiency in managing its budget and construction projects?
 Excellent Good Average Poor
- 5) Would you support an increase in the gasoline tax if the new revenue were constitutionally dedicated to construction and maintenance and not administrative expenses or studies?
 Yes No

- 6) How do you propose dealing with the increased cost of the TOPS program?

Please select one of the following

- (a) Raise academic standards for TOPS recipients
- (b) Appropriate a definitive sum per student toward tuition
- (c) Raise taxes to cover increased cost

- 7) Pertaining to the state budget, what do you propose we do first?

Please number in order of preference

- (a) Reduce spending
- (b) Reduce tax exemptions
- (c) Increase income taxes

- 8) Would you favor maintaining the current 5 cents state sales tax instead of replacing it with another tax?

Yes No

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