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Statement from Louisiana Hospital Association June 12, 2018

Baton Rouge, LA – Paul A. Salles, president and CEO of the Louisiana Hospital Association, released the following statement today:

In Baton Rouge, state lawmakers continue working hard to solve difficult budget challenges that endanger Louisiana's health and economic wellbeing. While these decisions are not easy, know that Louisiana's citizens have done the math and understand the small difference between 1/3 and 1/2 of a penny. They also understand that cutting healthcare, education and other vital services would harm everyone in Louisiana in every demographic. For our future, all of our futures, the cost would be devastating.

To thrive, Louisiana's businesses need predictability and clarity from our policymakers. These assurances would bring investment, growth and opportunities for our families. Conversely, ongoing instability and uncertainty will continue to jeopardize the capacity of our businesses and our citizens to reach their future potential or cause them to seek their potential elsewhere.

Our lawmakers have a unique opportunity in front of them. They can lower taxes and create future predictability while protecting vital services and education. We ask them to take this opportunity to reflect on the priorities of Louisiana's citizens and businesses and come together for our collective future success.

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About the Louisiana Hospital Association

Established in 1926, the Louisiana Hospital Association is a non-profit organization representing hospitals and healthcare provider groups across the state. The mission of the LHA is to support its members through advocacy, education and services. For more information, visit the LHA website at www.lhaonline.org, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LAHospitals or on Twitter [@LAHospitals](https://twitter.com/LAHospitals).

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