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**Cancellation of the 73rd Annual Meeting of the
Southern Legislative Conference**

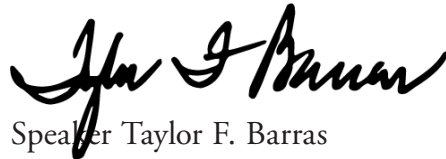
New Orleans

July 13 – 17, 2019

This is to advise you that Louisiana House Speaker Taylor Barras, Chair of the SLC, and I have determined that due to the potential impact of Tropical Storm Barry on our host city, New Orleans, and the state, we have decided to cancel the meeting.

The safety and wellbeing of the more than 1,500 expected SLC delegates is of the utmost concern. The decision to cancel the Conference was difficult to make, but public safety remains the main concern. The probable intensification of the storm by the National Hurricane Center to hurricane status, and the projected intense rainfall and flash flooding potential, led to the decision to cancel.

While we are saddened to share this news, we feel the well-being of our attendees is of paramount importance.



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