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STATE SENATOR DAN CLAITOR WELCOMES FRENCH LEADERS TO LOUISIANA

District 16 State Senator Dan Claitor (R-Baton Rouge) welcomed a group of French representatives to Louisiana this week. The group represents Rhône-Alpes, a region of France located on the eastern border of the country. The region is the second most popular destination for tourists visiting France.

“So much of Louisiana’s culture and history can find roots in France,” said Sen. Claitor. “I was honored to host this group of leaders and I believe that there is a lot that we can learn from each other.”

The representatives were here on a mission to establish closer tourism and agriculture connections between Louisiana and the Rhône-Alpes region. While in Louisiana, the group visited Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Lafayette. Their discussions with Senator Claitor and other community leaders around the state focused on professional training and education in the tourism and agriculture arenas.



Senator Claitor welcomes French leaders to Louisiana and leads them in a tour of the State Capitol. Pictured from left to right are:

- Mr. Michel Gregoire, Vice-President of the Rhône-Alpes Regional Council - delegate for agriculture and rural development**
- Louisiana State Senator Dan Claitor**
- Mr. Marc Bechet, General Director of Rhône-Alpes Tourism**
- Mr. Jean Besson, French Senator and President of the Regional Tourism Committee of Rhône-Alpes**
- Mr. Jean-Claude Brunet, Consul General of France in New Orleans**

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