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U. Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D.
520 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cassidy:

Thank you very much for your staunch support to improve the health of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, save Louisiana's coast, and coastal areas throughout America.

Dedicated funding for coastal infrastructure and resiliency is critical to sustain not only our coastal areas but cities and communities near our coast and their economies as well. As someone who has devoted decades to efforts to save our coast, I strongly endorse your Reinvestment in Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems (RISEE) Act. RISEE could help coastal restoration, hurricane protection, infrastructure improvements, and mitigate impacts to fish and wildlife. The future of our coasts and its communities, populations, businesses, economies, and ways of life are dependent upon funding proposed by RISEE. Again, I wholeheartedly support RISEE and applaud your steadfast efforts to preserve what remains of Louisiana's coast and coastal areas throughout America.

Whenever I may be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Carlton Dufrechou
Chair, Pontchartrain Restoration Program

Cc: PRP Executive Committee