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To: MVN Environmental;
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Dear USACE,

I'm sure by now you are aware of how important coconut beach has been in the lives of New Orleans residents. Personally I have been playing out at the beach for ten years, often multiple times a week. I consider it a second home and the people out there family. I have been engaged in the katrina recovery efforts since 2005 and this is the one thing that continues to give a sense of normalcy to my life in post-katrina new Orleans.

I understand the importance of your project, but please consider minimizing the negative impact it will have on thousands of people who love coconut beach like I do. I strongly encourage you to to use as little land as possible or work with coconut beach financially so that it can be relocated and the tradition of beach volleyball in nola continue.

It may only look like a bunch of sand and a few nets, but it is much more than that. Don't take this special place away from us!

Sincerely,
Katherine Zeringue
Sent from my iPhone