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Mr. Owen,

I'm sure by now you have received countless emails and calls regarding the future of Coconut Beach. Here's another one! I know you undersatnd how important Coconut Beach is for hundreds of families and individuals in the New Orleans area. There are over 4000 players which participate at Coconut Beach each week and it would be detrimental to those of us who are so committed to this sport, especially to Bruce White who has worked so hard to make Coconut Beach what it is today. Hundreds of national professional volleyball tournaments such as the AVP Tour, Spalding Gold Tour, and Planet Spike, to name a few, have been hosted there. They have raised millions of dollars for Children's Hospital, The Archdiocese of New Orleans, and numerous other charities. This place puts a smile on the face of kids and adults alike. I do not have children, but when I do, I have always said they will play in the sands of Coconut Beach. Please don't kill those hopes and dreams. It really is the one good thing left in New Orleans. Where else will we have the chance to compete in such a healthy activity? I'm at the point where while I do understand we need to do what we have to in order to protect the City of New Orleans, I wonder what will be left. It's things like this that drive us away. Please help us find a way to co-exist!

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