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To: MVN Environmental;
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Mr. Owen....

My name is Jeff Helminger and I work at Children's Hospital and I participated in the evacuation of our patients during Hurricane Katrina. I came back to the city after I flooded out to specifically be a part of the rebirth our our city and our culture. I love the city of New Orleans.

I realize the importance of pumping stations. But at what ultimate cost? I, among all of my friends and co-workers, have played in volleyball leagues and participated in many fundraisers at Coconut Beach before and after Katrina tore our lives apart. I love Coconut Beach. I NEED Coconut Beach. I NEED you to save Coconut Beach in whatever capacity is possible.

We need a quality of life in New Orleans. We need recreation. We need outlets to our daily lives. Coconut Beach is filled with guys, girls, kids, pets and everything in-between. Many people's lives will be altered in a negative manner if Coconut Beach is destroyed. It will be just another part of our lives destroyed by the storm.

Please take our quality of life into consideration when you make a decision on the future of Coconut Beach.

Please contact me with any further issues related to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Helminger

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