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Mr. Owen,

My name is Matthew Barket and I am from Miami, Florida. I am writing in regards to the possible destruction of the coconut beach volleyball center. I am writing from a different perspective since I am not a native New Orleanian but in many ways that has enhanced my experience with coconut beach. In miami we have beautiful beaches and sunny shores where millions hang out each year but no matter how you look at it the EXPERIENCE AND CULTURE at coconut beach is better in an infinite amount of ways. The last 6 years I have shared more memories at the center than I can recount. Just this past friday I graduated from law school and left the city of New Orleans to return to miami. I MUST say that more than Bourbon Street and many other iconic figures in NOLA, Coconut Beach is what i will miss most from the city. I do not want to bore you with a long email explaining why I enjoyed coconut beach or why it should not be shut down but I felt it of utmost importance to let you know how I felt. Tearing down Coconut Beach would rip the spirit out of so many who love the City of New Orleans.

Matthew Barket