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Subject: Please understand!
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Mr. Owen,

My name is Brian Freese. I am a Civil Engineer for Versabar, Inc. in Belle Chasse, LA. I am writing you in response to the situation in New Orleans concerning the 17th Street Canal pump station. I am a lifelong resident of this wonderful state. I can go into a long explanation but would rather make it quick and to the point. I want Coconut Beach to remain and see an alternate location for the permanent pump station found. Whatever happens We need to keep Coconut Beach volleyball Complex alive and well. It means too much to too many people to just destroy it. It is one of the largest of its kind in the nation and one of the most unique places in the world. I have met more people from different countries and different states than any other place I've been. It is a place that we as New Orleanians can go and feel safe and at home. Whatever you do please influence the Corp of Engineers to come up with a solution to keep Coconut Beach. I have lost enough since Katrina (a marriage, friends, the lower 3 feet of my house), please help us keep this wonderful place. We need to know it won't be gone for good!

Thanks you for your time and understanding.

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