From: Brian J. Jones
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: Coconut Beach - Please Protect
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Dear Mr. Owen,

I'm writing you this email in the hopes that you understand what Coconut Beach means to me and the community.

I moved to New Orleans 12 years ago. It was the first place that I met new and future friends. It has maintained an important part of my life and the lives of my child and friends. We spend much of our time playing volleyball and socializing in one of the only places in New Orleans that we can on a regular basis.

In the days following Katrina, I spent much of my time working out there to help get the complex up and running. Old friends were found after the disaster, and relationships were reborn. The time that I have had there is one of the few bits of glue that have kept me sane and attached to staying in New Orleans.

I implore you to protect one of the few places that family and friends can hang out together in a city that has few real positives going for it at this point.

Please listen to our voices. This is our home.

-Brian

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