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Mr. Owen:

My job requires me to travel frequently. Many of the people that I meet on the road have the impression that New Orleans has been decimated and overrun with criminals. I do my best to be an ambassador for the city and focus on the positives of being here.

One of those positives is Coconut Beach. Coconut Beach is the largest outdoor volleyball complex in the United States. It hosts tournaments that attract players from all over the country which provides much needed revenue and publicity for the city. It also provides a healthy recreational outlet for those of us who live here.

As you are no doubt aware, a large percentage of New Orleans residents believe the Corps is responsible in part for the tremendous damage the city sustained after Katrina. Regardless of the truth, that is the perception. Coconut Beach is an integral part of the lives of an astoundingly high percentage of the people who live in New Orleans. If the Corp takes all or part of that away, it will drive the negative perception of the Corps to new lows. I urge you to consider alternate locations in light of the unique nature and long history of Coconut Beach. Thank you for considering my point of view.

Regards,

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