From: Aaron Jabes
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: Destruction of the Mickey Retif Sports Complex
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Mr. Owen,

The Mickey Retif Sports Complex is an important and unique facility to New Orleans, Metairie, and the surrounding areas. For years the complex has provided a place were families could pursue healthy sports activities. It is one of the few businesses that has survived hurricane Katrina. People have put many hours of work and lots of money rebuilding and maintaining the complex.

Take a look at the situation from a different point of view. Many public places and businesses were destroyed by Katrina. Most will not be coming back do to lack of funding or public interest. This really says a lot about the Coconut Beach Facility and the obstacles that the community has overcome to bring it back to life.

I am 100% against the destruction of the Mickey Retif Sports Complex. There has to be a better way to protect the City of New Orleans than tearing it down. I am confident that there are many others in the community that feel the same way and will make their voices heard. I hope we can persuade you to find a different approach to protect the City of New Orleans.

Sincerely,

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