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Mr Owen,

I understand the importance of levee protection for our city. I also appreciate the projects that the corp has been working on the levees and pumping system of the city. I have seen much progress since 2006 and continue to see the projects that are being completed in Metairie and the Greater New Orleans area. Although these projects have been a minor inconvenience, I understand they will better our future.

The lakefront area as you know was hit very hard and much damage to a once vibrant part of our city was lost. I remember spending much time in bucktown and at restaurants on the lakefront that no longer exist.

I now continue to frequent the area on bike rides, running and at Coconut Beach playing volleyball at least twice a week. I find that many young people in the area visit the Coconut Beach complex and it brings many working class members of our society to the New Orleans area for a little time away from work.

Please do not take this positive aspect away from the New Orleans area. We need all the young people in the area that are here for the rebuilding our city. Can't we figure out a way to coexist together and work out a plan that will suit both parties. I fear that the more we loose from the area will give the city another black eye and we will not only loose a volleyball complex but many young business and healthcare workers in the area.

Thank you for you time and consideration in helping save Coconut beach.

Sincerely,
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