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Hi, my name is Brittany Ransom. I am a third year medical student at LSU medical school in New Orleans. I am writing to show my support for Coconut Beach. I moved to New Orleans in 2007 to start medical school and heard about Coconut Beach from the intramural sports chairman at the medical school. Some classmates and I immediately formed a team and played that first semester. We have played every semester since then and have even played in tournaments and summer leagues. As you probably know, medical school is a very stressful and a rigorous undertaking, and having that break for one hour each week to play volleyball truly kept us sane. We would look forward to having that downtime and stress relief. It wasn't about winning or losing the games for us, it was just being able to feel "human" again, to actually have somewhat of a social life. Many other students, both in years above and below, have the same attitude towards Coconut Beach. I feel that Coconut Beach is the only place of its kind and that losing it would be detrimental to this city and its people. So I urge you to please reconsider taking this amazing establishement away from the people of New Orleans who need it so much for so many different reasons. Thank you.

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