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To Whom It May Concern:

Louisiana's seafood industry has had to withstand unbelievable hurdles--the BP Oil spill, numerous damaging hurricanes, the ongoing battle with imported seafood, and an industry crippling pandemic just to name a few. Our seafood industry supports and feeds our nation. We cannot afford anymore setbacks to deter our fisherman and their hard work. It is an insult to our industry that, after the damages we have had to sustain, an oil well is still leaking in our states waters.

Myself, and our esteemed board of Louisiana seafood stakeholders request that a solution be found. We would like to thank the Couvillion Group for their efforts in this matter and wish to see it through to the end with them. A 16 year oil spill is too long, and it is time for this pipe to be capped and the deemed parties to be held responsible.

Please let this letter represent our full support for the United States Coast Guard its Contractor, Couvillion Group. Their successful efforts to safely capture oil from the Taylor Energy wells are commendable. We support the United States Coast Guard and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement in their efforts to ensure a final plug and abandon solution in this disaster.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samantha Carroll". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Samantha" being more prominent than the last name "Carroll".

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