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**More than 20 Organizations Across Louisiana Support
Lawsuit Reform Legislation**

Unified letter of support for SB 359 sent to Chairman Hensgens & Senate Natural Resources Committee

NEW ORLEANS – May 6, 2020 – Today, 21 parish, regional and state organizations sent a [letter](#) of support for SB 359, authored by Sen. Bob Hensgens (R-Abbeville), to the Senate Natural Resources Committee. The bill, which is scheduled to be considered during Thursday's committee hearing, keeps the state's focus on enforcing state permits and ensures that 100% of any funds recovered under the enforcement guidelines of Louisiana's State and Local Coastal Resources Management Act (SLCRMA) are spent directly on coastal restoration and hurricane protection, as the Louisiana Legislature originally intended.

"A small group of trial lawyers and a few parish officials are actively working to stifle the economic recovery of Louisiana's energy sector by continuing to pursue misguided lawsuits against the industry," said Marc Ehrhardt, executive director of the Grow Louisiana Coalition. "SB 359 will help oil and gas businesses in the state get back on their feet, not spend resources on senseless lawsuits that have yet to provide a dollar for our coast or economy in more than seven years. There are many things that we cannot control right now. SB359 is something positive and productive that we can do to help our industry move in the right direction."

The parish, regional and state organizations who have signed on to the letter of support include:

- Bayou Industrial Group
- Consumer Energy Alliance
- Greater Baton Rouge Industry Alliance
- Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce
- Grow Louisiana Coalition
- Gulf Economic Survival Team
- Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce
- Lake Area Industry Alliance
- Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
- Louisiana Coalition for Common Sense
- Louisiana Lawsuit Abuse Watch
- Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association
- Louisiana Oil & Gas Association
- One Acadiana
- Pelican Institute for Public Policy
- Port of Iberia
- River Region Chamber of Commerce
- South Central Industrial Association
- The Chamber Southwest Louisiana
- Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce
- West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce

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ABOUT THE GROW LOUISIANA COALITION

With more than 107,000 supporters, the mission of the Grow Louisiana Coalition is to raise awareness of and to rally support behind the state's traditional economic industries in order to create a viable future for its citizens. More information is available at www.GrowLouisianaCoalition.com.