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Harry Vorhoff
Climate Initiatives Task Force
Governor's Office of Coastal Activities
Via Email: climate@la.gov

Dear Mr. Vorhoff:

Bayou Industrial Group (BIG) represents 150 businesses, advocacy groups and governmental organizations in the Lafourche, Terrebonne, St. Mary, and Assumption Parishes of southeastern Louisiana, a region that proudly considers itself "America's working coast." Here, we produce the energy that fuels America and our coastal communities play a vital role in servicing Gulf of Mexico oil and gas production.

BIG and our members appreciate the tremendous energy and economic benefits that offshore oil and gas production contribute to our region and our nation. We also recognize Governor Edwards for the creation of the Climate Task Force to reduce greenhouse gas emissions originating in Louisiana. BIG believes that it is possible to have both a robust oil and gas industry that creates jobs and economic opportunity alongside a healthy and sustainable environment to live and work for generations. Economic and environmental benefits are not an either/or decision. In Louisiana, we can and we do have both.

With this in mind, we encourage you to consider the significant emissions reductions that our state's industry has achieved in recent years and companies' continued investments in coastal restoration projects to sustain our invaluable wetlands as the Task Force develops recommendations.

According to the Consumer Energy Alliance's Louisiana Emissions Analysis, emissions declined by 71% across the state since 1990. This sharp decrease is remarkable given that Louisiana's Gross Domestic Product surged 177% over the same period. This demonstrates that emissions reductions and economic growth are not mutually exclusive. Industry has a proven track record of improving environmental performance during times of growth and investment.

Bayou Industrial Group thanks you and the members of the Task Force for all of your work and we encourage you to strongly consider the ongoing contributions of our oil and gas industry to environmental stewardship and economic vitality as you determine your plan of action.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer B. Armand". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Armand
Executive Director