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U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D.
520 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for RISEE Act of 2021

Dear Senator Cassidy,

Bayou Industrial Group (BIG) represents 150 businesses, advocacy groups and governmental organizations in Lafourche, Terrebonne, St. Mary, and Assumption Parishes, a region that proudly considers itself "America's working coast." Here, our coastal communities play a vital role in supporting Gulf of Mexico oil and gas production that fuels America and our bountiful coastal wetlands produce seafood that feeds our nation and protects our homes and critical infrastructure.

Local residents and business owners like our members clearly understand the inextricable link between vigorous offshore energy production and a robust coastal restoration and protection program. As such, BIG supports your RISEE Act of 2021 provisions and other efforts that would provide more equitable sharing of GOMESA royalty revenue for Louisiana, including elimination of the GOMESA state revenue sharing cap and expanding the list of eligible oil and gas leases for future GOMESA payments. We also support the bill's revenue sharing model that would provide a fair share of offshore wind revenue to adjacent states where offshore wind farms are developed.

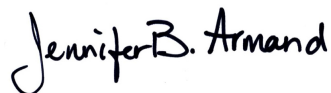
As Louisiana continues its fight to fortify our coast and protect coastal communities, a more equitable royalty revenue-sharing formula that brings a greater share of revenues generated off our coast to the State of Louisiana and coastal parishes is vital to our success. The dedicated revenue will build more levees and floodgates, nourish our barrier islands and coastal wetlands, and strengthen the resiliency of our irreplaceable coastal communities.

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The revenue-sharing provisions in the RISEE Act provide us with this valuable opportunity, but a healthy and productive offshore oil and gas industry is required to generate the royalty revenue needed if we are to succeed in fulfilling Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan. In that light, BIG strongly supports mandatory lease sales in the central and western Gulf of Mexico (GOM) and opposes any efforts to further stifle our offshore energy industry and its contributions to our coastal restoration and protection efforts.

Bayou Industrial Group thanks you for your work to sustain our precious Bayou Region – our coast, our jobs, our homes, our economy, and our culture. We support the RISEE Act of 2021 and also request your help in ensuring the continuation of GOM lease sales to make expanded GOMESA revenue for coastal projects possible.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer B. Armand". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jennifer Armand,
Executive Director