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Jacob,

First, I must congratulate you on an outstanding job of producing the documentary about our Louisiana coast. This documentary has brought to light the many details and concerns about what is occurring and what is at risk within our southwest region of the State of Louisiana. The destruction from past events is truly devastating to our communities and the landscape, and restoring the way of life we once knew has been a struggle.

Your presentation captured the unity of this region and highlighted the differences that can be made in creating a voice that can be heard. A voice that speaks on behalf of a region and demonstrates the importance of our coastal landscape including our natural resources, urban communities, and industries. Even more so, these industries within our region are significant at a National level, and proves Southwest Louisiana is more important than most realize.

The documentary will greatly assist with unifying our region stronger than ever, and I am confident your work will help as we plan and develop for funding and implementation of many great projects to come. The message you created is clear and concise, we can protect, restore, and make a difference. Southwest Louisiana is capable of adapting to past, present, and future changes made to the landscape, which is vital in maintaining such a great place. I thank you for your outstanding work, and I'm sure many others do as well!

Job Well Done,

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