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Mr. Jeff Trandahl  
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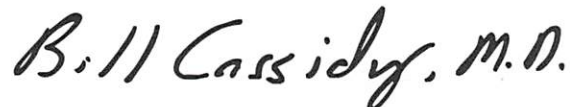
Dear Mr. Trandahl:

It has recently come to my attention that the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and the City of New Orleans is applying for funding from the NFWF. They are requesting \$600,000 for the New Orleans East Landbridge Living Shoreline and Marsh Creation project. Both the CPRA and the City of New Orleans are each providing a match of \$300,000.

The CPRA and the City of New Orleans plan to use the funds to conduct preliminary planning and design of a project to create new wetlands habitats and restore degraded marsh on approximately 1,000 to 1,500 acres, while also creating roughly five to ten linear miles of living shoreline protection. The project would be located along Chef Menteur Highway along a landbridge that divides Lake Pontchartrain from Lake Borgne and the Gulf of Mexico. The partners predict that in addition to creating and restoring habitat, the project would provide storm surge protection to approximately 1.5 million people in the Greater New Orleans area.

I appreciate the NFWF's consideration of this application. I ask that you please keep my office informed on the progress of this proposal as well as when a final decision has been made regarding this grant. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

Sincerely,



Bill Cassidy, M.D.  
United States Senator

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