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Save Our State

Senator Jeff Bingaman,

I am sending you this urgent message, asking that you remove your objection to provisions in the energy bill that allow Louisiana to share in the royalties derived from off shore oil drilling. On shore drilling provides states with a 50-50 split of royalties. We are asking for similar, equitable sharing of off shore drilling.

As I am sure you know, this money is desperately needed to fight the ravaging effects of coastal erosion. Louisiana loses two football fields worth of land to the Gulf of Mexico every hour. In just the length of time it takes you to read this letter, Louisiana will have lost about eight thousand square feet of land.

Louisiana's coast contributes one third of the oil and gas produced domestically. That oil and gas is then sent directly to Louisiana's shores for processing, refining and transport, amounting to millions of dollars worth of energy resources passing through Louisiana's vanishing coast. We are proud to contribute to the United State's energy needs, but we can not afford to do so if it continues to destroy our very state.

Too many families are finding their homes in danger of washing away. Too many businesses are finding their foundations eroding. This money is essential to protect our state and the traditions, history, and economic engine it supports. Piecemeal efforts are no longer enough; we need this money now. Our very livelihood is in your hands. Our children's future rests on your shoulders. Don't let us down.

Save Our State - keep the revenue sharing provision in the energy bill.

Sincerely,

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