

MICHAEL B. COOPER PARISH PRESIDENT

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

Dear Senator Cassidy,

On behalf of St. Tammany Parish Government, we ask that you continue to serve as a vocal advocate for the Reinvesting in Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems (RISEE) Act in the upcoming 118th Congress. The proposed legislation would establish several dedicated streams of funding for coastal infrastructure and resiliency in order to better protect our vulnerable coastal communities. The RISEE Act would create a revenue-sharing model for offshore wind revenues, dedicate funding to the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund, eliminate an administrative fee under the Mineral Leasing Act and reform the existing Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA).

We offer our full support to you in these efforts and thank you for your continued dedication to the citizens of St. Tammany Parish and the State of Louisiana.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL B. COOPER

Parish President

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