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Mark Wingate, Deputy for Programs and Project Management
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Dear Mr. Wingate:

The parishes of St. Charles, Lafourche, St. John the Baptist, St. James, Assumption, and Ascension request assistance from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to investigate alternative plans, several of which have never been studied by the USACE in previous efforts, to reduce the risk of flood damages from storm surge and other sources of flooding in the Upper Barataria Basin area. In addition, the inclusion of rainfall impacts and the costs associated with the delayed re-entry of our populations due to the inundation of major evacuation routes following a flood event are vital factors that warrant a Federal evaluation for potential Federal participation in this regional flood protection project. The locally supported plan, an alignment through St. Charles and Lafourche Parishes that protects U.S. Highway 90 and LA Highway 3127, critical evacuation routes, has recently been studied, found to be cost beneficial and preferred by the local sponsors.

The parishes of St. Charles, Lafourche, St. John the Baptist, St. James, Assumption, and Ascension are familiar with Section 1002 of WRRDA 2014 which amends Section 905 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1986 to establish a single phase cost-shared study process that would begin following the execution of a feasibility cost sharing agreement (FCSA) with the USACE.

The parishes of St. Charles, Lafourche, St. John the Baptist, St. James, Assumption, and Ascension are aware of the transformation initiative of the USACE Civil Works Program and the new SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Risk Informed, Timely) Planning methodology and framework for conducting USACE civil works

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planning activities that will be completed in a target goal of no more than three years at a cost not greater than \$3M.

Sincerely,



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