September 29, 2016

Parish President Gordon Dove
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government
8026 Main Street, Suite 700
Houma, La 70360

Dear President Dove,

The Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce, with almost 800 members, ranks coastal restoration and protection as one of our top concerns for Terrebonne Parish and the Bayou Region, along with a strong, vibrant economy.

Although coastal restoration and protection are urgently needed to shield our businesses and economy, filing suit against the oil and gas industry, an industry that drives the economy of Louisiana and unquestionably drives the economy of Terrebonne Parish, is not the way to solve our coastal issues.

Terrebonne Parish receives hundreds of millions of dollars in income and tax collections directly from the oil and gas industry, not including earnings from the multitude of ancillary businesses associated with the exploration and production of oil and gas.

Therefore, the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce opposes Terrebonne Parish’s participation in joining the lawsuits against the oil and gas industry for alleged permit violations, legacy lawsuits, or any other form of litigation for saltwater intrusion, rise in salinity levels, or land loss.

The Chamber respectfully requests that Terrebonne Parish abstain from joining the lawsuits against the oil and gas industry, and instead continue to work closely with the oil companies to help save our coast and to assure continued economic success. We believe that it’s in our best interest, and that of the state, to continue to partner with oil and gas to restore and protect our precious coastline.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Earl J. Eues, Jr.
Chairman of the Board