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To our Senate and House Leaders:

It has been two years since the start of the gulf oil spill which had profound environmental and economic impacts on the Gulf Coast communities. As leaders of concerned communities, cities, associations and businesses, we affirm our support for the RESTORE Act in the context of the transportation reauthorization bill.

The RESTORE Act would help restore our region's economy and the natural resources on which our communities rely. This common-sense legislation would direct 80 percent of the Clean Water Act civil penalties paid by those responsible for the spill back to our communities - where the damage from the spill was done.

This legislation is vital to our efforts to bounce back from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The economic and ecological restoration called for under the RESTORE Act will create needed private sector jobs while reclaiming vital natural and commercial assets that are unique to the Gulf Coast and critically important to the economic and environmental health of the nation.

We are grateful for the leadership of our congressional delegations in advancing the RESTORE Act and for the support you and your colleagues already have demonstrated for the gulf region. The decisive action in both the House and the Senate on the RESTORE Act to dedicate the penalties to the gulf reflects broad support across the country for gulf restoration.

We hope that you will do all you can in this crucial effort to make our communities whole and deliver passage of the RESTORE Act as a part of the final transportation bill to the President to sign into law as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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