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Mr. Maurice R. Berez, Chief Adjudications Officer  
Investor and Regional Center Unit  
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Washington, DC 20529

Dear Mr. Berez:

It is my pleasure to inform you that, as of the date of this writing, I have designated the Parish of Orleans as a Targeted Employment Area (TEA) in the State of Louisiana.

Orleans Parish meets the requirements of a TEA by exhibiting an unemployment rate of 7.2% which exceeds 150% of the national unemployment rate of 4.7%. Orleans Parish is, therefore, due all rights and privileges afforded a designated TEA. Furthermore, as a designated TEA, it meets the USCIS standards for a Regional Center.

Please make all appropriate notifications and updates to your files as relate to this matter. Thank you for the vital role that you are playing in the recovery of New Orleans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Babineaux Blanco".

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco  
Governor

cc: Secretary Michael Olivier  
Mr. Chase Story

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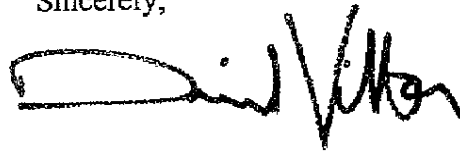
Dear Colonel Milbrath:

I write to express my support for the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Visa Programs in the State of Louisiana.

Louisiana has faced countless hardships during our recovery from hurricanes of 2005 and 2008. When you combine the areas of high poverty, the areas devastated by these hurricanes, and the regions of the state designated as rural areas, essentially all of the state qualifies for this program. The EB-5 program is an efficient way to direct private equity into all of the regions in Louisiana that need investment capital.

Noble Coastal Ventures, an EB-5 investment program, is focused on the objective of investing in for-profit businesses along the Gulf Coast that has been devastated by many powerful hurricanes in the past 3 years. I am in full support of your efforts to accomplish this wonderful program for our great state and I wish Noble Coastal Ventures continued success.

Sincerely,



David Vitter  
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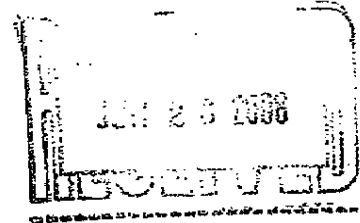
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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1804

June 16, 2008

Mr. William Hungerford, Jr.  
3421 N. Causeway Blvd. Suite 301  
Metairie, Louisiana 70002



Dear Mr. Hungerford:

Thank you for contacting me to express your views and concerns on the extension of the EB-5 Regional Center Pilot Program. Your comments on both the amendment and other problems facing Louisiana are thought-compelling. I appreciate hearing from you and I apologize for the delay in my response.

As a follow-up, I would like you to know that the legislation on the EB-5 extension passed the House of Representatives on June 9, 2008 and was amended to "set aside 3,000 visas annually for 20 years to include such aliens as are eligible for admission."

Many believe that democratic participation begins and ends with voting, but receiving your comments, criticisms, questions, and ideas is a critical part of my job as your advocate here in the Senate. As issues that command your attention or affect you personally continue to unfold, I hope that you will not hesitate to write, phone, or email my office and make your concerns known. Your input is very important, and I can assure you that I will consider your thoughts as I continue to pursue the interests of the people of Louisiana in the United States Senate.

Again, I appreciate hearing from you and hope you will continue to contact me on matters of mutual concern. Please visit my website at <http://landrieu.senate.gov> for more information on other legislative issues.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mary L. Landrieu  
United States Senator

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State of Louisiana  
LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

July 2, 2010

Ms. Barbara Velarde

Chief Service Center Operations  
USCIS Service Center Operations  
20 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. (2nd floor)  
Washington, DC 20529

Dear Ms. Velarde:

Given each state's responsibility for self determination of "**Targeted Employment Areas**" (TEA's) in regard to the USCIS EB-5 visa program, we are hereby establishing the following criteria for the designation of TEA's.

As result of the recent Deep Water Horizon incident in the Gulf of Mexico and the specter of the impending moratorium of offshore drilling for oil/gas/other minerals in the Gulf of Mexico, it is anticipated that over 40,000 direct and indirect full jobs will be impacted in Louisiana. In an effort to take every measure to bolster the Louisiana economy against the negative impact that most economists, scholars and government officials are predicting, it is prudent to designate those parishes whose employment has been affected (especially offshore/onshore drilling, production service workers, fishing, shipping and related activities, tourism and other direct and ancillary employment activities) as "**Targeted Employment Areas.**"

At this writing, the oil is still pouring into the Gulf of Mexico and it is imprudent to attempt to identify every impacted parish. Parishes designated should include those included in the New Orleans MSA, every coastal parish negatively impacted and others as the impact is designated. This designation will support preserving existing jobs and creating new jobs in Louisiana. This is especially important in the post-Hurricane Katrina/Rita and the Deepwater Horizon recovery era.

Please make all appropriate notifications and updates to your files related to this designation. The citizens of Louisiana appreciate the role you are playing in the economic stability of Louisiana and our sister states on the Gulf of Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Pierson".

Donald M. Pierson

Assistant Secretary