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Capitol Annex
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Dear Authority Members:

Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to the critical work of restoring and protecting our coast. Your work is the embodiment of the comprehensive and integrated approach to coastal issues this state has needed for a long time.

One of the most important challenges facing Louisiana and our coast is the responsible management of our bountiful resources. An integrated approach to coastal restoration and protection must acknowledge the conservation of our resources, especially our coastal forests.

A look at establishing expanded Louisiana policy on coastal forestry has been a collaborative and thorough process. It has culminated in the formulation of recommendations to me by the Governor's Coastal Wetland Forest Conservation and Use Advisory Panel. I have accepted their recommendations as presented to me and hereby transmit them to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority for your review and consideration.

Again, thank you for your hard work. I look forward to learning of your work on these recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Babineaux Blanco".

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor