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Mr. Acy Cooper
President
Louisiana Shrimp Association
109 17th Place
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Dear President Cooper:

I want to thank you for our meeting late last month on the issues facing our Louisiana shrimpers. At that meeting, I directed my staff to research ways in which we, as a state, can offer assistance. Louisiana will be pursuing a federal fisheries disaster declaration from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Additionally, I sent the attached letter to President Biden asking for additional funding for testing of imported shrimp by the Food and Drug Administration, as well as support for random testing, seizure and destruction of shrimp that contain banned substances, and implementation of a quota on the amount of shrimp imported from other countries.

The shrimp industry has a long, rich history in Louisiana. You have my continued support and commitment that we will pursue every available avenue to ensure the shrimp industry continues in Louisiana for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards
Governor