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Department of the Treasury  
Office of Gulf Coast Restoration  
Attention: Laurie McGilvray, Program Director

Dear Ms. McGilvray:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the October 24, 2019 Notice and Request for Comments entitled "Agency Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; RESTORE Act Grants" and concerning the application, reports, and recordkeeping for the Direct Component and Centers of Excellence Research Grants Programs under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act).

The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), as the recipient of RESTORE grants for the State of Louisiana, joins the comments submitted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on December 20, 2019.

We know that Treasury recognizes the important role that the RESTORE Act plays in helping to support the recovery of the Gulf States, parishes and counties from the continuing and severe injuries resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster. Therefore, we urge you to give serious consideration to all the comments submitted and consider whether proposed changes to Treasury's information collection activities may make it more difficult to implement those projects that are critical to Gulf Coast recovery and whether other efficiencies may be identified.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris Barnes at [chris.barnes@la.gov](mailto:chris.barnes@la.gov), or at 225-342-9036 or Denise Stafford at [denise.stafford@la.gov](mailto:denise.stafford@la.gov), or at 225-342-4709.

Sincerely,

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