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**IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUESTED**

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
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Dear President Obama:

Thank you again for planning to visit New Orleans on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

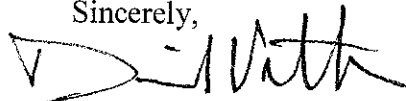
It is my understanding from the White House that this is primarily to hold a town hall meeting in New Orleans. If the town hall is the only major event of the visit, I truly think it will be deeply disappointing to most citizens.

I urge you in the most respectful way possible to expand your visit to ensure that it includes several important site visits, helicopter tours of coastal erosion/hurricane protection issue in parishes surrounding New Orleans, and focused discussion with community leaders regarding ongoing challenges.

In that regard, I would again highlight 4 key challenges listed in my October 6<sup>th</sup> letter – the outfall canals, Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), the use of Draft Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Community Disaster Loan Forgiveness. (Copy attached)

Once again, I know residents truly hope for and expect this type of substantive, in-depth visit. I would certainly like to join you for it if votes allow.

Sincerely,



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