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The Honorable A.G. Crowe
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Dear Senator Crowe:

I want to thank you and the other members of the International Deep Water Gulf Transfer Authority for your work. Because of all of your efforts, I believe there are some exciting new prospects to develop sustainable, well paying jobs and grow Louisiana's economy.

I support your work and the vision that was expressed by the Louisiana Legislature in passing Act No. 699 during the 2008 Regular Session. I believe that the make-up of the members of the authority makes the stated goal of positioning Louisiana as an international hub for cargo ships, including super-sized cargo ships, very attainable.

I am also encouraged by the fact that you are establishing relationships with other states that have ports that are dependent on the Mississippi River and its tributaries. I am confident that the work you are doing will benefit these states just as it will benefit Louisiana.

Again, I support your work and thank you for all you are doing. Please remain in contact with me and let me know of ways in which I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,



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