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Dear Messrs. Hank, McBride and Captain Miller:

I am writing to congratulate the Port of Lake Charles, the Lake Charles Pilots, and N.O.A.A. on their excellent collaboration to make the new Lake Charles Physical-Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS®) technology a reality.

The port and the southwest Louisiana region are a vital components of our coast and support industries that are critical not only to the state, but the Nation as a whole. Bringing world class technology and resources to the region will make the Port and Calcasieu Waterway safer and more efficient. The implementation of the PORTS navigational system is crucial for the continued growth of both the Port and the regional economy.

On a variety of issues ranging from hurricane response to navigational concerns, N.O.A.A. and our coastal communities have worked together in service of the State and Nation. It is heartening to see a federal agency working in close cooperation with our Ports, Pilots and local communities to ensure that this PORTS system became a reality. For the collaboration and effort that made this a reality, I express my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all.

I am pleased to be a supporter of this new system and to see that our ports and coastal communities have access to the newest and most advanced navigation technologies.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator