

November 19, 2002

Robert Wayland, Director
Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Room 7130
1301 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: Interstate nomination of Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation for EPA Watershed Initiative

Dear Mr. Wayland:

Mississippi is pleased to lend its support for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation's project (Basin) to compete for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Watershed Initiative grant. The 4,700 square mile Basin includes 16 Louisiana parishes and 4 Mississippi counties and is one of the largest estuaries on the Gulf Coast.

The proposal includes programs necessary to lifting the restoration of this critical watershed to a new level. I support the Basin project as a recipient of EPA's Watershed Initiative grant.

Very truly yours,



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cc: The Honorable M.J. "Mike" Foster, Governor
State of Louisiana