Subject: Support for the RESTAURANTS Act of 2020 - Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

Hello Dr. Frazer and Dr. Simmons,

On July 29th, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee held a hearing on "Building a Stronger and More Resilient Seafood Sector". During the hearing, witnesses (including Mrs. Bosarge) and Committee members discussed the impacts of restaurant closures on the seafood sector. Chairman Wicker recently introduced the RESTAURANTS Act of 2020 (attached), which would temporarily provide funding for food service or drink establishments through December 31, 2020.

We are reaching out to see if the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council would be willing to write a letter in support of this bill, as providing stimulus to restaurants will have a positive impact on the seafood sector.

We will be reaching out to all the Fishery Management Councils with the same request.

Please let us know if you have any questions. And thank you again for having a council member represented in the hearing last week!

Sincerely,

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