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February 13, 2020

To: Honorable Senator Larry Taylor, Representative Mayes Middleton,  
and Sargeant Mark McGaffey

The Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (FGBNMS) Advisory Council would like to thank you for your visit to the FGBNMS Advisory Council meeting on September 4, 2019 to discuss state (Texas) House Bill (HB)1628 and the annual Jeep weekend in Bolivar Peninsula. Senator Taylor and Representative Middleton, we are grateful for your efforts at the state level and your support of HB1628 to provide the appropriate tools for local decision makers to increase safety and reduce negative impacts to our coastal environment, coastal communities, and the numerous local businesses that depend on healthy beaches and coastal waters. The FGBNMS Advisory Council appreciates the historic efforts of the Bolivar community to reduce the amount of litter that ends up in the water during this event. We are hopeful through the new flexibility provided in HB1628 that the Bolivar community and enforcement authorities will be able to take the necessary steps to further decrease the amount of trash littered onto our local beaches and into our local waters.

Kind regards,

  
Scott Hickman, Chair  
The FGBNMS Advisory Council

CC: Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Henry Trochesset, Galveston County Sheriff

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