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Thank you for allowing me to speak this afternoon. I commend you, Secretary Caldwell, for the work you've done in presenting this information to us this afternoon. The reason that I'm here is to support our oil industry in the New Orleans region. We certainly want to keep the oil industry in our area. We want to keep the jobs there and we would like to make a recommendation that maybe we could request to the Governor of our State, a visit to our oil executives in Houston and sit down with these gentlemen and ladies and discuss the issues at hand and how we can better work together to make sure and reassure that this industry doesn't leave our area. I think it's a very desperate situation for the industry right now. I think it would be right to ask the Governor, at this time, if he could consider it in his schedule to make that visit. We are calling on our local oil companies in the New Orleans region right now to discuss some of the ways that we may be helpful and supportive to them. But I think it would be more important for our Governor to do the same thing with the oil executives in the Houston area.