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Members of the Southern Shrimp Alliance:

Thank you for the important work you do representing this critical industry and ensuring Louisiana has an abundant supply of fresh, delicious seafood for all to enjoy. Although my duties in Washington are keeping me from speaking with you in person, I write to you with exciting news.

Earlier this month the U.S. Senate passed my bill, the PROTECT Act, which protects the Louisiana seafood industry from foreign seafood being illegally dumped into our market. The principle is simple: if foreign competitors want to sell in our markets, they must play by our rules – period. Now, U.S. Customs and Border Protection will be given tools to proactively stop dumped seafood before it ever crosses our border. I'm proud this bill is headed to the President's desk to be signed into law. This is a significant victory for Louisiana's seafood industry and for shrimpers across America.

Long before the first oil rigs dotted the Gulf of Mexico, there were shrimpers trawling those waters. For over two centuries Louisiana shrimpers have contributed to the culture of our great state and have provided delicious shrimp for our tables. I am proud we are finally giving shrimpers a fair shot to compete, and I look forward to continuing that fight in Washington. Thank you for all your support in finally taking this legislation across the finish line to be signed into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. W. Boustany, Jr." in a cursive style.

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Member of Congress

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