The Honorable John Bell Edwards  
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LOUISIANA SHRIMP ASSOCIATION PETITIONS THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY DISASTER DECLARATION

Due to the influx of imported shrimp entering the State of Louisiana, which is allowing foreign countries to dominate our Louisiana shrimp industry, which is resulting in hardships to our Louisiana shrimp harvesters, our communities and related businesses; shrimp harvesters are receiving lower than one dollar ($1) per pound for their shrimp products which is lower than they have ever received in years past, combined with the rising cost of fuel to operate vessels and the rising costs to operate their small fishing businesses, commercial fishing vessels are forced to remain dockside and businesses are being forced to shut down their operations.

The Board of Directors of Louisiana Shrimp Association, representing the shrimp harvesters of the state, asks that you, the Honorable Governor John Bell Edwards issue an emergency disaster declaration regarding the Louisiana Shrimp Industry.

With sincere regards,

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