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Ms. Robin Wiener, President
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Dear Ms. Wiener:

The state of Louisiana and the city of New Orleans are on a path to a rebirth that is unprecedented and monumental in vision and task. The New Orleans Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau has informed me that Chuck Carr, Vice President of Member Services, Meetings & Conventions has confirmed your convention in New Orleans and I want to thank you for your commitment to experience our warm hospitality and unique culture.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism is responsible for fostering tourism in the state of Louisiana, and as such, we have a strong partnership with the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau and the businesses in the tourism and hospitality industries. We are all committed to the success of your meeting in our city and state, and I can think of no better city to host Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries' meeting.

New Orleans is America's greatest cultural destination, the soul of America. A place that could be foreign to Americans and American to foreigners; a place that over time has captured rich and diverse cultures in language, food, architecture, politics, art, music, and blended it all together like a great gumbo. There is no real recipe, no exact formula, no rhyme and no reason, like jazz to the untrained ear it rarely makes sense, but when everything comes together it worked just right.

If my office can be of any further assistance to you in the process, I hope that you will not hesitate to contact us. I look forward to welcoming you back to Louisiana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitch".

Mitchell J. Landrieu

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C: Chuck Carr, Vice President of Member Services, Meetings & Conventions