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State of Louisiana
Office of the Governor

February 27, 2008

The Honorable Michael Chertoff
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington DC 20536

Re: EB-5 Program Regional Center Application for Louisiana

Dear Secretary Chertoff:

The EB-5 immigrant investor program has historically proven to attract foreign capital to the United States while creating quality jobs for American citizens. I encourage the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to allow for a regional center that serves all of the State of Louisiana. In Louisiana, when one combines the areas of high poverty, the areas devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and regions of the state designated as rural areas, essentially all of the state qualifies for this program.

The EB-5 program is an efficient way to direct private equity into all of the regions in Louisiana that need investment capital. I encourage the Department of Homeland Security and USCIS to make this designation. I further understand that Gulf Coast Funds Regional Center has an application pending at this time for a regional center that serves both Louisiana and Mississippi. I ask you to evaluate this application, and all regional center applications from this area as quickly as possible so that investor dollars can be put to use immediately.

Very Truly Yours,

Handwritten signature of Bobby Jindal in black ink.

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cc:
Mr. Donald Powell, Federal Coordinator, Office of Gulf Coast Rebuilding
Dr. Emilio Gonzales, Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
Mr. Maurice Berez, Chief Adjudications Officer, Investor and Regional Center Program

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