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### Jindal Appoints Louisiana Coastal Affairs Director

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Today, Governor-Elect Bobby Jindal announced that Garret Graves, currently serving as a senior advisor for the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, will serve as the Director of the Governor's Office of Coastal Affairs.

According to the Jindal transition team, "Louisiana state law says the Governor's coastal affairs director is responsible for developing and implementing coastal and hurricane protection policies for the governor and coordinating state department budgets, programs and projects related to Louisiana's coast. The director also serves as the chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), the body established after the 2005 hurricanes to develop and implement a comprehensive coastal protection plan for Louisiana.

Garret Graves, originally of Baton Rouge, has served on the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation's staff since 2005. He serves as a senior advisor to Senators Ted Stevens and David Vitter and he served as a staff director for the Climate Change and Impacts Subcommittee. Graves helped to draft offshore oil and gas revenue sharing bills and has helped to draft or negotiate every offshore oil and gas revenue sharing bill passed by the U.S. House since 1996 - including the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (providing \$520 million for Louisiana over four years 2007-2010) and the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (providing billions to Louisiana and other gulf states). Graves also helped to negotiate more than \$20 billion in hurricane and coastal protection programs for Louisiana. Additionally, he worked to develop legislative initiatives on climate change, energy, coastal protection and management and hurricane protection.

Graves previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Billy Tauzin, then chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce. He advised the congressman on energy, coastal, appropriations, transportation, homeland security, environment, natural resources and hurricane protection issues. Graves worked for the congressman from 1995 to 2004, also serving as a senior staff member for the U.S. House and Energy Commerce Committee."

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