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Dear Chairman of House Natural Resources Committee:

The Jauca Beach, located in the southern town of Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico is in danger of providing the last public community access to its beach. Our community recently discovered a construction proposal that will place a hotel in its last public access to the beach. For these reasons, the Save Jauca Beach Committee and residents of Puerto Rico request your aid in stopping the hotel construction and conserve its access to the people of our hometown in Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico.

The hotel construction would affect its ecological and biodiverse treasures, as well as the community that surrounds it. Firstly, our Jauca beach bay area contains archeology treasures documented by archeologist Juan Gonzalez. Also, it contains great biodiversity in danger such as the Manatee and mangrove forest that could be affected by the construction of this Hotel.

As people of the City of Santa Isabel we are opposing to this Hotel since it will limit the current use of the community and safety since the terrain where this hotel is proposed to be in the Maritime land. And lastly, after hurricane Maria it was reported by FEMA that this very same beach area was reported as a flood zone.

We are requesting your intervention as Chairman of House Natural Resources Committee since the local government and agencies seem to bypass the protection of our natural resources and the public access of the people to it. Our request is to preserve and protect the Jauca Bay Maritime land and to guarantee the conservation of our natural resources.

In times of global warming, sea level raise, and stronger storm systems on our region, we urge you to stand up for the natural resource access, for the maintenance of healthy communities and a safe climate.

Respectfully,

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