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The Honorable Mitch Landrieu
Mayor City of New Orleans
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On behalf of the board of French Quarter Citizens, Inc., I am writing to urge you to request the return of the Louisiana State Police to New Orleans in an effort to enhance the police presence in the French Quarter and the City at large. Furthermore, the protection needs to extend throughout the Quarter beyond the confines of Bourbon Street. Many residents of the French Quarter are afraid to leave their homes. The recent rash of violent crimes is taking place throughout the neighborhood, not solely on Bourbon Street, and is severely impacting our quality of life. Ultimately, this crime wave will negatively impact the tourism industry that feeds city and state coffers.

We applaud the fine work of the New Orleans Police Department, however, we don't have enough "boots on the ground" to deter crime and keep our neighborhoods safe. While we appreciate the efforts to recruit new officers and build the police force, something needs to be done in the interim while new officers are recruited and trained for duty. Before another violent crime occurs, we again urge you to *immediately* request the return of the State Police to help protect our residents and visitors from further harm. Thank you!

Most sincerely,

CoCo Garrett

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President

CC: City Council Members
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