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Mr. Ed Tunstall
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Dear Mr. Tunstall:

I will not attempt to respond to all of the many unsupported statements which are contained in your July 14 editorial, "Hold Off on Barriers," but the statement, "There is no proof that the barriers will work to reduce hurricane damage..." is so outrageously in error as to require an answer.

The idea of protection through barriers is not a new, untried concept. Such barriers are already in existence and functioning effectively in many locations around the world. To wit: Stamford Harbor, Connecticut; New Bedford, Massachusetts; Providence, Rhode Island; and Veerse Gat, Harlingvliet, and Brouwershavense in Holland. Others are under construction in Jamaica Bay, New York, the Thames estuary in London, England, and the Oostenschelde estuary in Holland.

It is not the "Models at...Vicksburg [which] say barriers will work..." rather it is the history of the works referred to above which objectively demonstrate it. One can but wonder how much research went into the drafting of the editorial.

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