

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

February 8, 2011

Mr. Lamar Mckay
Chairman and President
BP America, Inc.
501 Westlake Park Blvd., 15th Floor
Houston, TX 77079

Dear Mr. Mckay:

We write this letter in support of the State of Louisiana's pending request for \$15 million to immediately begin rehabilitating oyster habitats impacted by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The request was made in a November 30, 2010 letter, but no response has been provided to date.

Louisiana is home to more than 1.6 million acres of public and 400,000 acres of private oyster fishing grounds that traditionally supply about 40% of the domestic product to United States consumers. Unfortunately, due to the direct and indirect impacts of the oil spill, oyster production precipitously fell in 2010 and continues to trail historical averages. While there are some encouraging signs of recovery, significant concerns persist among harvesters, producers and biologists about the future productivity of certain grounds. For example, just last week, the Louisiana Oyster Task Force voted against opening for harvest the principal public grounds on the east side of the Mississippi River, an unprecedented act for this industry.

In hopes of mitigating future damages and facilitating the robust recovery of this vital industry, we strongly encourage you to reconsider this \$15 million investment opportunity. Timing will be critical as the habitat resources need to be in place before the spring spawning season that begins in April. We ask that you respond, in writing, no later than February 22, 2011.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

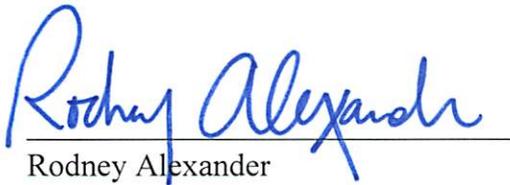
Sincerely,



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United States Senator



Rodney Alexander
Member of Congress



Charles W. Boustany Jr.
Member of Congress



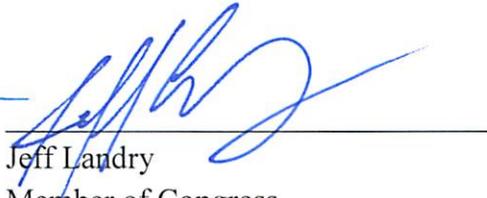
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