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Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr.
Commandant
United States Coast Guard
400 Seventh Street
Washington, D.C. 20593

Dear Admiral Papp:

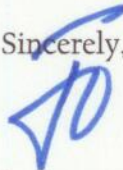
I write to express my concern regarding recent reports of new oil in the Gulf of Mexico from the Macondo well.

Specifically, I would like to know what efforts are being undertaken by the United States Coast Guard and the responsible parties to identify and address the source of the new leak. While we all want to believe the environmental and economic devastation experienced by coastal communities after the April 2010 blowout are behind us, this new incident should make clear to everyone that we should not be too quick to signal the all clear.

Additionally, I find the timing of these new reports particularly troubling as the U.S. Department of Justice attempts to ramp up negotiations to reach a global settlement on penalties by BP and the other responsible parties for violations of the Clean Water Act and under Natural Resource Damage Assessment procedures.

I look forward to getting an update from the USCG regarding these recent developments as soon as possible and appreciate your continued attention on these critical matters. With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



Jo Bonner
Member of Congress

cc: Attorney General Eric Holder