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Dear Messrs. Bondy, Winters & Suttles:

We, the Attorneys General of eleven Atlantic states, write to you concerning the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Our role as the chief lawyers for our respective states is to protect the interests of our people, the health of our environment and to provide legal advice to our states. Though the immediate area of impact from this catastrophe is in the Gulf region, portions of the East Coast are at foreseeable risk of substantial harm. Should the oil make its way into the Gulf Stream, our coastal areas, natural resources and the livelihoods of our coastal communities and people could be threatened. Although the chance of oil reaching our coasts is small, especially with respect to those of the more northern states, we all need to be prepared for that possibility. Even if our coastal waters

and communities are not directly impacted, there may well be significant harm to the migratory bird and fish species that form an important part of our natural resources and economy.

The Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded on April 20 and sank on April 22. Now, 63 days later, the Mississippi Canyon #252 site is still releasing oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

Clean waters, clean beaches and healthy, abundant wildlife are vital to our fragile coastal ecology and economies. While we hope that the flow of oil from the Deepwater Horizon is stemmed soon and that the oil never reaches our shores or impacts our states, we have to prepare for the worst. If the worst does occur, we expect BP to work cooperatively with us and to provide our state and local governments and our affected residents the necessary financial resources to compensate fully for any environmental or economic losses suffered.

BP has extensive liability for the consequences of this oil spill, including but not limited to liability under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. We have all heard the statements from BP's corporate officers, including CEO Tony Hayward, publicly accepting responsibility for the oil spill on BP's behalf.

Therefore, like our sister states in the Gulf region, we request that BP memorialize its public commitments and provide further assurances regarding payment of all legitimate claims stemming from this oil spill. This will allow us, as the lawyers for our respective states, to advise our states on how best to plan for the future.

Further, to facilitate timely communication and the smooth exchange of accurate and timely information between our offices and BP, we request that you assign an individual to serve as our point of contact on this matter to help ensure that each of our offices can quickly and effectively communicate with BP about any matters that may arise as a result of any potential impacts our states may suffer.

Finally, we ask that BP and any of its affected employees or affiliated organizations preserve any and all documents, data compilations, including electronically recorded and stored data, tangible objects or other information relevant to the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, the resulting oil spill that began on April 20, 2010, and the response and clean-up effort in any form in which they currently exist until further notice. Regardless of BP's current retention policy, please ensure that the appropriate person within each entity takes all necessary measures to prevent and avoid the destruction or modification of any such records.

We look forward to your prompt response on this important matter.

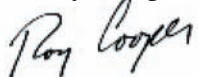
Sincerely,

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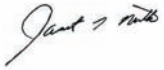
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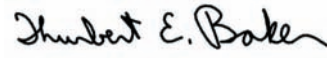
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