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RE: GULF OIL SPILL DISASTER

Dear Mr. Feinberg:

Our firm represents over 1,000 persons, business, and governmental entities, each of whom has claims arising out of the oil spill disaster. Each of our clients has suffered losses and has been damaged and will continue to be damaged for years to come as a result of the oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico. These losses and damages, in most every case, will continue for many years. They will also have significant losses and damages resulting from the toxic chemicals placed by BP into the Gulf both on the surface and below the surface. It's important to understand that most all of our clients will have significant future losses and damages and have substantial claims against BP, Transocean, Halliburton, Cameron, and others. There may also be corporations that will have liability for the adverse effects from the chemicals, including Corexit, used by BP in oil spill remediation. This liability could be huge on both a short and long term basis. I couldn't help but notice that your claim form for personal injury claims states "physical injury to the body or death proximately caused by the Spill or the explosion and fire." Nowhere do you mention exposure to dispersant chemicals. I am shocked that this important aspect of the disaster has been ignored.

I would like to address several matters that are important to our clients and, in my opinion, to the entire populous of the Gulf Coast area. First, it appears that you have

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taken only those parts of the OPA that you like and benefit BP and have incorporated those into the emergency protocol and have discarded those parts you do not like or that BP doesn't like. My question is, how do you ignore the provisions of the OPA?

For example, there is one significant omission in your current protocol that raises a serious question. Why are you not paying for the damage calculations of all claimants by way of their accountants? That is specifically provided for in the OPA, but is rejected by you and BP.

I also question why you have put such a strong reliance on geographic boundaries in the claims process. Nowhere in the OPA is such a restriction found. Many of our clients are penalized by your placing geographic restrictions on their claims and that is most unfair. This is especially true where your restrictions penalize those persons who rely on the natural resources of the Gulf, but are not located on the Gulf.

I am also concerned about how you have ignored BP's own admission to not offset VOO payments with a participant's damage claim. I am sure you have its legal counsel's admission. If not, I will send this to you. Why are you allowing BP to backtrack on its promise made to fishermen and Gulf Coast residents?

A serious problem arises concerning the manner in which final payments will be handled. I understand that you are trying to determine whether a complete release of liability in your claim center will release not only BP, but also Transocean, Halliburton, Cameron, and any other responsible corporation. Our investigation, as well as that of others, clearly shows that all of these parties have significant liability to claimants and will be responsible to pay damages past, present, and future. It is inconceivable that you could require such a release to be a part of any claims protocol. This requires me to ask, what agreements or correspondences are in place, in any combination, between these four companies and you?

I would also like to know why you have refused to discuss punitive damages in any respect. It certainly appears that, based on the facts and applicable law, all of the potential defendants have significant exposure for punitive damages. The conduct by BP, and perhaps by each of the other potential defendants, was so bad that severe punishment is clearly justified. My question is, why are you ignoring punishment for any one or more of the potential defendants?

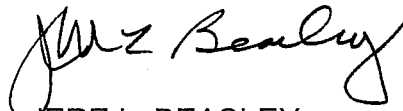
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Finally, I believe all claimants are entitled to know exactly what your compensation arrangements are, and who all is paying you and your staff. Specifically, I would like to know, on behalf of our clients, how much you have been paid to date and the terms of all agreements you have with the federal government, BP, or any of the other potential defendants concerning compensation and expenses.

I would appreciate it very much if you would respond to my inquiries within the next fourteen (14) days.

Very truly yours,

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