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The Honorable James "Buddy" Caldwell
Attorney General, State of Louisiana 1885 N. Third Street
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Dear Attorney General Caldwell:

I have been actively involved in the treatment of individuals who were rendered ill by exposure to the products of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. It is quite disconcerting that, to the best of my knowledge, BP has not paid for the health care of any of the thousands of individuals whose health was adversely affected by this tragic event.

A philanthropic organization provided funding for a group of Louisiana citizens to form the Gulf Coast Detox Program in Raceland, and we treated approximately 100 patients through this program. Our treatment results were far greater than I could have imagined, and we are contemplating opening another facility to treat more patients in the future.

There is no question that the illnesses being experienced by the victims of the oil spill are very real and, in many cases, very severe. Yet, this foreign corporation has been allowed to run roughshod over the citizens of our state and other coastal states while assuming no responsibility for the care and treatment of their victims.

It would appear that the Office of the Attorney General should be playing a role in seeing that this corporation is held responsible for caring for the health needs of these innocent victims of their careless and reckless behavior. Yet, to date, nothing has been done and state and federal tax dollars are being expended for the care of many of **your** previously healthy and productive constituents.

My decision to contact you was made in consultation with my attorney, LeRoy Hartley, who agreed that you should be made aware of the issues that affect the health of the citizens of Louisiana and the other coastal states.

Not only have my patients and fellow citizens been denied health care by this foreign corporation, but it appears that they have also been victimized by our own court system. The individuals given the responsibility for representing the medical interests of the victims of the spill do not appear to be even close to providing adequate representation to their clients.

To the best of my knowledge, the 19 members of the Plaintiff Steering Committee were given \$600,000,000 to represent the interest of the victims of the oil spill. Unfortunately, it appears that the only entity that is being represented by the proposed agreement is a foreign owned and based corporation that has been responsible for devastating our coastal environment, destroying our fishing industry that depends on this environment and creating a generation of very sick citizens whose health will be adversely affected for the remainder of their lives.

Someone needs to stand up to this corporation and actually represent the interests of the citizens of our state. You are in a special position to carry out that assignment.

I believe that the best way for me to present objective evidence to support my assertions is to provide you with copies of the five different letters that I have sent to Judge Barbier along with other data that I believe supports my position in this matter.

All of these documents have been bound into one booklet that will be sent with this cover letter.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this issue.

Our fellow citizens and **your constituents** deserve to receive better and more sincere treatment than they have received to date.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Robichaux, MD