



The Shrimp e-Advocate

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Dear Glenn,

As the response to the unprecedented disaster in the Gulf of Mexico continues, I wanted to update you on our efforts to contain the economic and environmental damage that is currently impacting our coast.

Over the past few weeks, I've been monitoring the situation closely, offering assistance to cut through red tape while pushing for necessary federal resources. I've observed the response efforts from both the air and the ground. I've also participated in numerous meetings with top administration officials and BP to ensure our state gets the support it needs to contain the damages from the recent spill.

Currently, our top priorities are stopping the flow of oil from the well and protecting our coasts from slick-related damages. At the same time, supporting the men and women who work in industries that have been affected by the spill remains a major concern.

BP and its contractors are responsible for this disaster, and I am encouraged that they have fully accepted this responsibility and pledged to do whatever it takes to contain the damages from the spill -- and I will hold them to that promise. I expect that they will

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continue doing everything they can to protect our coasts and the vital industries that have been hit the hardest by the spill, such as our local fishing industry.

Given that a portion of Gulf Coast fishing operations have been suspended due to the spill, I believe BP should offer direct assistance to the men and women who have seen their livelihoods put on hold because of these recent events, and they should do so without delay.

This is in addition to a comprehensive and transparent claims process that should be implemented for anyone who has been negatively impacted by the spill in any way. To aid in the claims filing process, I've just introduced legislation that would provide assistance to anyone who needs help filing a claim or an appeal.

Governments at all levels are also fully mobilized to assist in these efforts, and I've been pleased by the rapid response and open lines of communications that I've had with members of President Obama's administration throughout this response effort.

Deep-water offshore drilling remains a vital component of our national energy strategy, but clearly we need a full investigation of this incident and the safety of these operations so we can ensure that a disaster like this never happens again.

Ensuring that Louisiana and the Gulf Coast recover from this disaster is my top priority. Over the coming weeks, I will keep you updated on our progress, and let you know any steps you can take to help.

Thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,



Mary Landrieu
U.S. Senator

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