



THE BACKBONE CAMPAIGN

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Dear

We stand in shock, appalled at the unfolding, unprecedented, and totally avoidable defilement of the Gulf of Mexico. It is unforgivable that our environment has been put in such jeopardy by our elected officials, agencies, and the extractive corporations who place power and profit before all else.

We too accept our shared responsibility as consumers and citizens within this society, but our choices have been impaired by regressive public policy.

It is past time to shift the national dialogue away from Wall Street dependent solutions. BOLD ACTION that invests in our society's RAPID transition away from the current folly of a fossil fuel based economy is required and overdue.

We IMPLORE you to exercise your full power and capacity as a member of the US Congress to take action to both:

- 1. Introduce a CARBON TAX and REFUND bill into the current Congress and tirelessly support such legislation to ensure that fossil fuels be assessed at their true cost. Model legislation can be found at www.CARBONTAX.ORG**
- 2. Guarantee that BP America Inc. and its collaborating companies Halliburton, and Transocean be held to full account for the ecological atrocities they have committed; that their corporate charters be revoked; and their assets dedicated to the healing of the damage they have caused and the transition to a fossil fuel free future.**

In Stewardship and Respect for the Earth We Rely Upon,