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Dear Messrs. Bondy and Suttles:

As the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I write to you concerning the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Though the immediate area of impact from this catastrophe is in the Gulf region, the East Coast is at foreseeable risk of substantial harm. Should the oil make its way into the Gulf Stream, Virginia's coastal areas, natural resources and the livelihoods of its coastal communities and people could be threatened. Even if Virginia's coastal waters and communities are not directly impacted by oil in the water, 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, 62 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. It is my sincere hope that the flow of oil from the Deepwater Horizon is stemmed soon and that the oil from it never reaches Virginia's shores or impacts those resources. Nevertheless, to prepare for the worst possibilities, I am contacting you now to secure BP's cooperation to ensure that Virginia's state and local governments and its affected residents have access to the financial resources necessary to compensate fully for any environmental or economic losses suffered on an individual, corporate or governmental level.

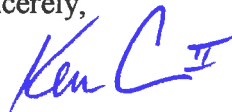
BP has extensive liability for the consequences of this oil spill, including but not limited to liability under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. We have all heard the statements from BP's corporate officers including CEO Tony Hayward, publicly accepting responsibility for the oil spill on BP's behalf. To facilitate the smooth exchange of accurate and timely information between my office and BP, I request that you assign an individual to serve as our point of contact on this matter to help ensure that my office can quickly and effectively communicate with BP about any matters that arise as a result of any impacts to Virginia.

The magnitude of this oil spill is so great that an effective clean-up response will require the close cooperation of many entities, both public and private. For this reason, I urge BP to work with the federal Unified Command to remove barriers to clean-up initiatives by state and local governments. I also ask that you join me in urging the federal government to (i) accept the offers from America's overseas allies to assist in the clean-up and recovery efforts and (ii) take whatever steps may be necessary to facilitate that assistance including, but not limited to, a temporary waiver of the Jones Act (46 U.S.C. § 55102) restrictions on shipping.

Finally, I 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken C II". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

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