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**House of Representatives**  
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Dear Mr. Roy:

Thank you for your efforts to recover the losses experienced by Louisianans and residents of the Gulf Coast due to the DEEPWATER HORIZON tragedy. As you submit to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana recommendations for processing outstanding claims resulting from this tragedy, I request that you include coverage of claims based on losses sustained as a result of the President's drilling moratorium.

I wholeheartedly support your efforts to formulate a fair and equitable awards methodology. These efforts complement my efforts in resolving any and all legitimate outstanding claims from the disaster. As part of this effort, those individuals and entities harmed by the moratorium should be compensated.

Both as the Member of Congress representing the epicenter of the DEEPWATER HORIZON incident and a resident of the Gulf Coast, I have thoroughly reviewed the incident, the resulting spill and the Administration's response. My examinations have yielded major shortcoming in the claims process. To spite the efforts I have made, I am convinced claims related to the inability to work because of the President's moratorium must be addressed. Unfortunately, Mr. Feinberg was not allowed to address these issues because of the restraints placed on the Gulf Coast Claims Facility by BP and the Obama Administration's agreements.

The chain of causation between the spill and the moratorium is very strong. But for the DEEPWATER HORIZON tragedy, there would not have been a drilling moratorium. The facts suggest a direct link of causation. The losses resulting from the moratorium are real and damaged many individuals and businesses.

Considering these facts, I respectfully recommend the Court and the parties ensure those affected by the moratorium are adequately compensated. I thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

  
JEFF LANDRY  
Member of Congress