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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
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Dear Mr. President,

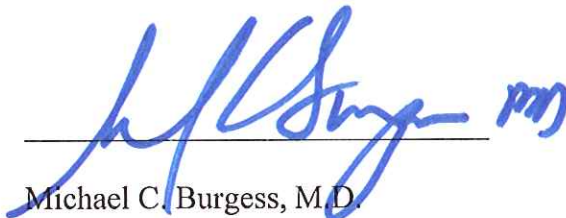
As oil from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill begins to reach the fragile marshes and estuaries of the Louisiana coastline, it is imperative that the federal government do everything possible to stop the flow of oil and act immediately to protect the natural resources along Louisiana's coast.

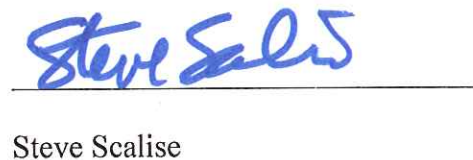
On May 23, 2010, the Associated Press reported that Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, frustrated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) delays over environmental impact studies, will move forward unilaterally in building sand barriers to protect the coastline. Gov. Jindal petitioned the USACE the week of May 10 for approval to dredge and build sand barriers to protect the wetlands, but the USACE has yet to grant approval of that request, and oil continues to damage areas of Louisiana's coasts.

We support Gov. Jindal's efforts to protect the fragile ecosystems and natural resources that are of critical importance not only to Louisiana but also to the entire national economy. And we urge the USACE to act swiftly so that they may assist the Governor in protecting these valuable resources.

The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is a serious tragedy, resulting in the loss of 11 lives onboard the exploratory rig. Every resource should be utilized to stem this spill and protect the nation's coastlines. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


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