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Mr. Doug Suttles
Chief Operating Officer
BP America Inc.
1250 Poydras Street
14th Floor - Room #1412
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113

Dear Mr. Suttles:

I write to you today with great concern on behalf of local Florida communities who are under great distress due to the impacts of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Yesterday, I met with the Florida Association of Counties where I heard from local representatives in affected areas. They expressed frustration with the claims process which has continued to evolve and develop over time. Specifically, according to their reports, there have been five different reimbursement plans for local governments since May, yet the only funding that local governments have received thus far is from the BP grant given to the State of Florida.

Florida is ready and willing to continue to provide funding to local counties if BP does not have an efficient and streamlined process in place. Accordingly, I am asking that you begin distributing reimbursement funds to local governments immediately, or provide additional funding to the State to distribute to counties until a process is established.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist

CC: Florida Association of Counties
David Halstead, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management