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Mr. Lamar McKay
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BP America, Inc.
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Dear Mr. McKay:

I feel our recent meeting was informative and appreciated your responses to my questions. The United States government and American people have a right to know what is going on at the Deepwater Horizon well.

I'm writing now to inquire about a more recent development. The snippet of video BP released on May 12 - after requests from news organizations, scientists and environmental experts - is leading some to conclude the spill is much worse than initially thought.

The value of this kind of up-to-date and accurate information is crucial to our understanding of the true rate of flow, to drastically improving our ability to gauge the amount of oil current currently in the Gulf, and to preparing for the impacts this spill may have on our environment, fisheries and coastal communities.

Therefore, I'm requesting you bring any and all additional video footage of the Deepwater Horizon wellhead and broken pipe to the Senate Commerce Committee hearing on Tuesday, May 18.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and I look forward to your testimony.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson

cc: Tony Hayward