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The Honorable Edward J Markey
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Dear Chairman Markey

Thank you for your letter of October 1, 2010, requesting my appearance before the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.

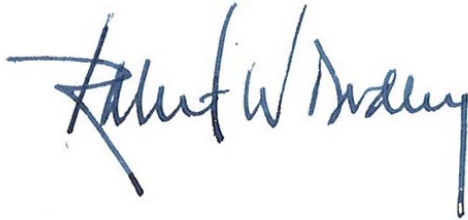
As you know, I assumed the role of Group Chief Executive for BP just a few weeks ago, and have recently announced significant changes designed to strengthen safety and risk management. These changes include the creation of a new safety division, reporting directly to me, with extensive powers to oversee and audit the company's operations around the world, as well as a substantial restructuring of BP's upstream business segment from a single business into three functional divisions – Exploration, Development, and Production – each of which will report directly to me. I, along with my entire leadership team, am looking carefully at all aspects of BP's business to identify further ways to improve the way safety and risk are managed at BP, including the manner in which rigorous safety standards are applied within the company.

In addition, BP has accepted all the recommendations of its internal investigation report and have begun to implement them across our drilling operations worldwide, including by reviewing how we manage the contractors who perform work for us in this area.

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As I am sure you can imagine, I have an enormous amount of work to do transitioning into this role and am very focused on ensuring the right decisions are made for the future of the company and the safety of our workforce. Therefore, I regret that I must decline your invitation at this time, but I look forward to sharing our progress with you on these important changes once they have been further developed and implemented.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Markey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "E" and "M".

cc: The Honorable Henry Waxman
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Fred Upton
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