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Representative John Harris  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
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Anchorage, AK 99501-2133

Re: Your letter of August 31, 2006

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your concerns about the candor and forthrightness of BP Exploration Alaska (BPX) officials, expressed in your August 31, 2006 letter to Lord John Browne deeply concerned him. As you may know, I have recently been retained by BP p.l.c. to serve as Regional Ombudsman for BP America and I have been asked by Lord Browne and Bob Malone, President of BP America to "... do a full and immediate investigation into the allegations made" in your letter. Please accept this letter as an introduction and a request for whatever details you can provide that support the statements made in your letter.

I recognize that, as Speaker of the House, you have received information regarding BPX's activities and from many sources, constituents, members of the public and other members of the Legislature. In order to do an appropriate investigation I would appreciate knowing what you believe are the misrepresentations that have been made to you, and/or the Alaska House of Representatives, by officials from BPX.

While we have never met, Bob tells me that he has great respect for you. I want to say that I share your trust in Bob Malone; I would not have accepted this job otherwise. Bob believes that you and all the representatives of the people of Alaska deserve forthright, honest responses to your questions. If BP's managers have not met that standard, Bob is committed to correcting the record and insuring complete honesty going forward.

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Thank you for giving BP an opportunity to look into this issue. I have taken the opportunity to bring your letter to the attention of our BP Alaska managers Steve Marshall, Al Bolea and Maureen Johnson in an effort to receive their explanation with respect to your letter. Once I have received their response to my request for information on the matter, I will be in further touch with you. In the meantime, in a few days I will be calling you to introduce myself.

Very truly yours,



Stanley Sporkin

cc: The Lord Browne of Madingley  
Robert A. Malone