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Mr. Robert Dudley
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Dear Mr. Dudley:

Thank you for your letter of November 3, 2010, which responded to our request that you appear before the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment to testify about BP's operations in the United States, its plans for improving the safety of its operations, and lessons BP can share from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster. In your letter, you state that you are unable to testify at this time and offer instead to meet with us privately to discuss BP's current plans and safety agenda.

We appreciate your offer to meet privately, but we do not believe that it is a substitute for your testimony. BP's safety practices are matters of the utmost importance to the Congress and to the American people. A private meeting would deny Subcommittee members the opportunity to ask questions and keep the American public in the dark about critical safety issues relating to BP's future operations in the Gulf of Mexico and elsewhere.

For this reason, we are inviting you to testify before the Subcommittee on November 30, 2010. If this date is inconvenient for you, please let us know an alternative date between November 29 and December 9, 2010 that would be preferable.

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Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please have your staff contact Greg Dotson with the Committee staff, at (202) 225-2927, or Michal Freedhoff with the Subcommittee staff at (202) 225-2836.

Sincerely,



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