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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Committee Majority has scheduled this hearing on the recently completed *BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report* three times (September 23, October 6 and October 13). The Minority was informed that the reason the hearing was rescheduled twice was to secure participation from the Co-Chairmen of the Joint Investigative Team.

On October 6, the Majority Committee Staff publicly announced the agenda for the hearing, including testimony from four invited witnesses: Captain Hung Nguyen, Co-Chair of the Joint Investigation Team, U.S. Coast Guard; Mr. David Dykes, Co-Chair of the Joint Investigation Team, Former BOEMRE Staff; Vice Admiral Brian M. Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard; and The Honorable Michael Bromwich, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

At no time during discussions regarding the agenda for this hearing, including prolonged discussions on the need to reschedule the hearing, did any discussion of a second panel of additional witnesses occur. The Minority learned that additional witnesses had been invited after the fact, less than 48 hours before today's meeting. This surprise, last minute notice, provided insufficient time for the Minority to locate and invite a witness to participate in this hearing.

Therefore, pursuant to Rule XI of the Rules of the House and Rule 4 of the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources, the undersigned Members of the Committee hereby request a further hearing on the "*BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report*," during which witnesses selected by the Minority shall be allowed to testify.

Sincerely,

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