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Mr. Kenneth Feinberg  
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Dear Mr. Feinberg:

As we have previously discussed, the United States believes that the success of your Gulf Coast Claims Facility depends on its ability to achieve a number of goals: It must provide an independent, fair, efficient process for those most affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill; it must meet or exceed the requirements of the Oil Pollution Act; it must provide a seamless transition from the existing BP claims process; and it should not in any way retreat from commitments that BP has made.

In taking over the BP claims process, you pledged that individual claims would be resolved within 48 hours, and business claims would be resolved within seven days. We have reviewed recent statistics regarding the GCCF's performance, and it appears that – even aside from the claims that the GCCF has identified as needing additional documentation – tens of thousands of claims have been pending, awaiting GCCF review, longer than the time periods you proposed.

Your recent public statements have acknowledged that the process is more complicated and time-intensive than you had anticipated. I would reiterate to you, however, that the efficiency of the GCCF's review and payment process is not just a matter of fulfilling your own performance goals. The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill has disrupted the lives of thousands upon thousands of individuals, often cutting off the income on which they depend. Many of these individuals and businesses simply do not have the resources to get by while they await processing by the GCCF.

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As the present pace is unacceptable, the GCCF needs to devote whatever additional resources – or make whatever administrative changes – are necessary in order to speed up this process. I would appreciate your keeping me advised of your progress in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Perrelli". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Thomas J. Perrelli