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Dear Friend,

Watching the tragic consequences of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico these past few weeks—from the economic pain of local businesspeople to the environmental degradation—has been positively gut-wrenching.

So I was appalled yesterday when a Senate bill to hold oil companies accountable for their actions and require them to pay the full cost of their deadly mistakes was blocked by a single Republican dissenter.

We can't let one of the worst environmental catastrophes in decades go unpunished, and we can't allow something like this to ever happen again. **Please sign this petition demanding immediate passage of legislation that raises the cap on how much oil companies have to pay in damages for their offshore disasters.**

[Click here to add your name to this important petition that ensures we don't provide any bailouts to big oil companies.](#)

I have sponsored legislation along with my Democratic colleagues, Senators Robert Menendez, Frank Lautenberg and Bill Nelson that proposes raising the cap on damages from \$75 million to \$10 billion, making sure that taxpayers don't have to foot the bill for spills caused by reckless oil companies.

But despite support from both sides of the aisle, Republican Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska brought the entire effort to a halt, effectively putting special interests before the American people and our environment.

How can we let oil companies get away with shoddy practices and careless errors?



How can we not do everything possible to prevent a disaster like this from ever happening again? I, for one, cannot sit back and watch my colleague protect the rights of big oil, and I hope you can't either

[Please click here to sign this petition today. Let's do everything we can to force BP to pay for this terrible mistake and protect ourselves from any future spills.](#)

We can't just stand by and watch helplessly as this tragedy unfolds. We must take action. Thank you for joining me in delivering a clear and powerful message.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Gillibrand



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