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Capitol Hill Demonstration to Mark Three-Month Anniversary of BP Oil Disaster

Groups to Call on Lawmakers to Give Oil Money to Gulf Relief Efforts

WHAT: Public interest, faith and environmental groups and activists will mark the three-month anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion with a demonstration on Capitol Hill that will underscore how Congress – even in the face of the ongoing ecological disaster – has been complicit in the destructive practices of the oil industry.

The message for Congress will be: You have oil on your hands. Participants will demand that senators and representatives get dirty energy money out of politics and take action now to pass climate and energy legislation that protects people – not polluters.

Following the outdoor event, activists will move to the offices of some of the lawmakers who have accepted the most money from BP since 2006 and call on them to donate their tainted oil cash to Gulf Coast recovery efforts and refrain from taking any more contributions from the industry.

WHEN: 12 p.m. EDT, Tuesday, July 20

WHERE: Upper Senate Park, Capitol Hill, Constitution and New Jersey Avenues, Washington, D.C.

SPEAKERS: Robert Weissman, president, Public Citizen
Phil Radford, executive director, Greenpeace
Becca Connors, outreach manager, Friends of the Earth
Aaron Viles, campaign director, Gulf Restoration Network
Ted Glick, policy director, Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Rev. Jennifer Hope Kottler, director of policy and advocacy, Sojourners
Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Shalom Center
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ORGANIZING GROUPS: 1Sky, 350.org, Center for Biological Diversity, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Climate Crisis Coalition, Code Pink, Corporate Ethics International, Energy Action Coalition, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, Gulf Restoration Network, Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters/JPIC, Mobilization for Climate Justice West, MoveOn.org, N.C.WARN, Oil Change International, Pax Christi USA, Price Carbon Campaign, Progressive Democrats of America, Public Citizen, Shalom Center

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