

Dear Friend,

Over the next few months, the oil spill in the Gulf could pose consequences for coastlines near our community. NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has already noted that oil has entered a current that could POTENTIALLY bring the effects of the spill to the East Coast of the United States.

Recently I led a bipartisan letter with Congressmen Peter King and Tim Bishop to NOAA and BP to demand a full and ongoing analysis of where oil is drifting in relation to our coastlines. We also demanded a comprehensive plan to address the potential consequences of the Deepwater Horizon Spill reaching the coastline of Long Island, particularly Fire Island.

The oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico is an outrageous failure and further proof that we simply must reduce our use of fossil fuels for energy; crack down on the oil, drilling and mining special interests that abuse the public interest; and change the way Washington has granted permits in the past.

While both political parties blame each other for BP's failures, the oil continues to gush. Partisan posturing will not end the leak. We need solutions.

That is why Congressmen King, Bishop and I joined in this bipartisan demand for solutions...before it's too late.

As I receive information through the course of the summer, I will share it in e-news alerts and on my website. And for more information on my efforts to protect Long Island's shores, please visit my website at <http://israel.house.gov>.

Sincerely,

Steve Israel

Member of Congress