

September 2, 2005

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

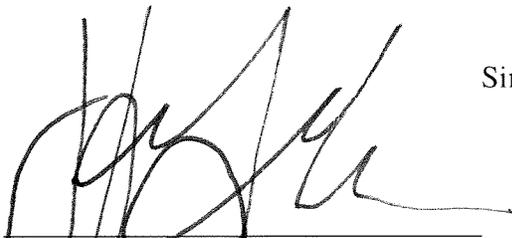
As the nation begins its recovery from the deep and broad devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, we are aware of the extraordinary challenge of providing the federal resources to care for millions of citizens and assure the rebuilding of an entire region. Our offices have been and will continue to provide assistance to FEMA and the affected Gulf States, as Katrina's impacts are felt in each of our states and throughout the nation.

The full impact of the hurricane is only beginning to be realized. It would be unconscionable to permit any leeway to those who would pocket extra profit while so many Americans are sacrificing abroad and at home. The American people must hear—from you and the Congressional leadership—that any oil company profiteering will simply not be tolerated.

Oil profits in the last year have been astronomical. From April to June, Exxon-Mobil's net income rose 32% to 7.64 billion dollars, Royal Dutch Shell announced a 34% increase in second quarter profits alone, and the list goes on. Prior to the hurricane, American citizens were paying too much for gasoline, and afterward, we are paying more. The American people deserve better.

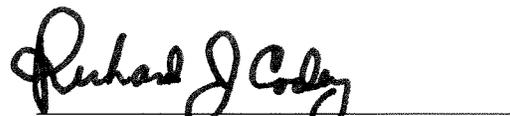
As the citizens of our nation band together to assist those in need, oil companies should be our partners as the nation tries to recover, not profit at the expense of the nation. We urge you to move swiftly to cap corporate oil profits and strictly prosecute any violation of federal anti-trust laws—and take all other possible actions to protect Americans against profiteering.

Sincerely,



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