

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 21, 2010

The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary  
Department of Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington DC 20240

The Honorable Dr. Jane Lubchenco  
Administrator  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Room 5128  
Washington, DC 20230

The Honorable Thad Allen  
Commandant  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street, SW Stop 7101


Dear Secretary Salazar, Administrator Lubchencho, and Commandant Allen:

We are writing to you today to alert you to an opportunity to assist the mitigation efforts as the private sector and government officials respond to the calamitous BP Deep Horizon oil spill.

Packgen, an Auburn, Maine based company, is a very reputable company in Maine specializing in oil boom material and could provide critical assets as our nation rushes to protect our coastlines throughout the Gulf Coast. The material is consistent the highest industry standards, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), and has been independently tested to assure the highest quality standards. Given the historic proportions of the devastation, we believe it is essential that we utilize the best products available, and we believe that Packgen may serve a critical role in mitigating the contamination of the Gulf Coast disaster.

It is our understanding that BP has visited the facility recently to review the production capacity, but we wanted to alert you personally to the opportunity that this company presents as officials make their best efforts to contain what may be the worst oil spill in our country's history. As the leading agencies in charge of protecting our ecosystems, it is critical that you have access to America's best equipment. Packgen has consistently demonstrated itself as an industry leader.

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly, or if you would like to contact Packgen, you may reach John LaPoint at 207-784-4195.

  
OLYMPIA J. SNOWE  
United States Senator

Sincerely,

  
SUSAN M. COLLINS  
United States Senator

CC:

Governor Bob Riley  
Governor Charles Crist  
Governor Haley Barbour  
Governor Bobby Jindal