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Subject: BP Oil Spill and Independent Inventor Discrimination

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Attention: United States President Barack Obama

I was watching your latest televised speech the other night regarding the BP oil spill and I couldn't help notice again that you omitted the term "inventor" from your speech entirely. Apparently you feel that engineers, scientists, and executives, are the only ones capable of advancing containment efforts. You should realize that a college degree does not produce the ability to invent. It only indicates that the individual passed a barrage of memory tests over a period of years. Real conception ability is something that occurs genetically to a select few and is available from birth. We find that your new program to stimulate research and development loans is good in its intention, however without some refinements it cannot succeed at its intended goal. The main problem is that the criteria for obtaining loan do not exclude companies that refuse to deal with independent inventors. This greatly restricts the incentive to generate new ideas from the inventor or inventors. The other difficulty is that you do not fund the brightest independent inventors with either a reward of payment of USPTO fees and or the offering of financial incentives to produce that at least include patent preparation wages and office supplies. The other problem is the resistance of parties that should be potential customers and the willingness to partnership with the inventor or even purchase the patent directly from the inventor. If it is a valuable patent, they all want to jump in and attempt to claim they invented it in order to get the patent for nothing. Also, the rules of these R&D grants do not finance product launches and will not loan money unless the individual has been in a business producing sufficient income for one year or more. You have no committee to correctly determine the most viable invention projects that are likely to produce jobs and revenue and selectively invest only in those projects. Your program is based on investor or entrepreneur judgment that can be very unprofessional and incorrect. Picked over no good projects are frequently invested in under your present system because they are free or the only thing known available. Clearly you need changes to this program before it becomes just another example of bureaucratic fraud and waste due to mismanagement.

We also see in the BP spill how the corporate forces combine to create innovation retartive forces in the oil spill containment and cleanup efforts. BP represents the only potentially viable user of these products at the present time yet they actually have no program in process to stimulate present or future oil spill safety containment improvements or cleanup equipment. They want to rent the usage of

available equipment and the reality is that there will be no use for this equipment after this oil spill is cleaned up. While it might be used again in ten or twenty years if there is another spill, manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and inventors, can't count on that. They are unwilling to pay for invention or partnership themselves on the production of it. The other problem is that BP is unwilling to even accept good ideas from inventors or partnership with the individuals that have created all of their intellectual properties since 1953 which means that no progress on this front is coming. The other problem is that once this well is eventually capped, there should be a great reluctance to return to deep water drilling due to the lack of improvements that would prevent this type of spill from occurring again thereby retarding efforts to reopen offshore drilling again because of refusal to partnership and the lack of ability to start related companies with federal funds and the difficulties of obtaining patents in the correct name from the patent office. Clearly the present patent reform act is a disgraceful mess. It doesn't contain one in ten of the needed provisions and contains nine of ten of innovation retartive provisions which is just what you would expect if you had big business and lobbyist preparing the legislation instead of citizens and inventors who create the intellectual properties and their rights vested in the constitution. Hopefully, this message will not fall on deaf ears again as they have in the past. Your so called transparent Whitehouse has a bad habit of making everything we mail to you disappear.

Sincerely,
Michael R. Thomas
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