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The Shaheen Report

Holding BP Accountable

It has been nearly two months since the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico taking 11 lives and triggering the worst oil spill in American history. As BP and the federal government work to stop the leaking well once and for all, we must also ensure that the companies responsible for this environmental and economic disaster are held accountable.

That's why I introduced legislation last week to grant subpoena power to the bipartisan BP Oil Spill

Experience New Hampshire

More than 25 New Hampshire businesses joined me in Washington, D.C. on June 10 for *Experience New Hampshire*, an event to showcase the state's tourism, hospitality, business, and other unique offerings. New Hampshire offers diverse destinations for tourism, fine dining, and arts and fine crafts, and is the home to some of the nation's most innovative companies. The economic vitality of the state will be built on educating new audiences on all our state has to offer and *Experience New*

Creating Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes

The Senate is currently debating the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010, which would provide critical tax cuts and support for American workers as many continue to struggle in this difficult economic climate. Provisions included in the legislation would:

- Provide tax cuts to working families and tax relief to businesses to help them invest and create jobs;
- Help restore the flow of credit to enable small businesses to expand

Commission. Subpoena power is absolutely necessary to make sure that all responsible parties provide us with the information and evidence we need in order to prevent a disaster of this magnitude from ever happening again and to ensure that they pay for the damage they have caused to the Gulf Coast.

I have also called on BP to set aside a \$20 billion escrow account to compensate victims of BP's negligence, and have co-sponsored legislation that would remove the cap on BP's economic liability, which under current law is only \$75 million while economic damages are expected to be in the billions.

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Hampshire provided a great opportunity to do so.

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and hire new workers by extending small business loan programs;

- Expand career training programs for Americans who are looking for work; and
- Extend eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits.

The legislation also includes support for youth summer jobs programs, which last year helped hundreds of New Hampshire young adults obtain summer jobs and gain valuable work experience despite the worst job market for teens since the end of World War II.

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