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**THE ALLIANCE FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION: WE CANNOT WAIT FOR ANOTHER TRAGEDY TO
TAKE ACTION ON CLEAN ENERGY
STATEMENT BY MAGGIE L. FOX ON THE OIL SPILL IN THE GULF**

Washington, DC – Maggie L. Fox, President and CEO of the Alliance for Climate Protection, issued the following statement in response to the oil spill in the Gulf:

“This tragic event is a deafening wakeup call that America's dependence on fossil fuels cannot continue. We already know our continued dependence is a direct threat to our national security. This massive spill is a painful reminder of the environmental and economic dangers we face as well. Our leaders in Washington face a clear choice: end our destructive addiction to oil and dirty fossil fuels, or pave the way to a clean energy future. Responding quickly to this disaster is not enough. If we want to truly protect our environment, our national security and our economic well being, the President and the Senate must step up their efforts to pass comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation. The legislation must heed the lessons learned from this disaster. We cannot wait for another tragedy before we take action.”

105: Deaths caused by accidents on offshore drilling operations from 1996 to 2009

165: Spills caused by accidents on offshore drilling operations from 1996 to 2009

1,945: Injuries caused by accidents on offshore drilling operations from 1996 to 2009

1,515: Fires and explosions caused by accidents on offshore drilling operations from 1996 to 2009

\$3,000,000,000: Cost estimate for cleanup of the BP spill, mostly covered by BP's insurance

\$5,598,000,000: BP's first quarter profits in 2010

\$100,000,000: Amount Iran would lose per day in oil revenue if America capped its carbon emissions

\$154,000,000: Amount the oil and gas industry spent on Congress in 2009

\$16,000,000: Amount BP spent on lobbying in Washington in 2009

210,000: Gallons of oil spilled per day at the BP platform site

162,000: Gallons of oil spilled per day in BP's "worst-case scenario" exploration plan

315,000,000,000: Barrels of oil the U.S. consumes per year (approx)

2,726,000: Million metric tons of greenhouse gases emitted on U.S. roads every year (approx)

1.6%: Percentage of total global proven oil reserves the U.S. possesses

0.3%: Percentage of total global proven oil reserves in the U.S. outer continental shelf

1: Number of shut-off switches BP may have needed to purchase to prevent this accident

3-4: Months it could take to contain the spill

About the Alliance for Climate Protection:

The Alliance for Climate Protection was founded in 2006 by Nobel laureate and former Vice President Al Gore. With more than five million members and supporters worldwide, the Alliance is a unique non-profit, non-partisan organization that is committed to educating the global community about the urgency of implementing comprehensive solutions to the climate crisis.