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Mr. Sean Kelly
PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board
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Dear Mr. Kelly,

The Margaree Environmental Association (MEA) wishes to express its opposition to the proposed exploration and development of oil and gas in the Gulf of St. Lawrence by Corridor resources at the "Old Harry" prospect. MEA is based on the western coast of Cape Breton Island, and has been concerned with protecting environments and ecosystems associated with the Gulf for more than 25 years.

Our Association maintains that in light of the disastrous oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and the proliferation of oil and gas exploitation in difficult and sensitive environments worldwide, extreme caution and protection in the Gulf of St. Lawrence are essential to prevent the wide spectrum of potential disasters posed by oil and gas development.

Most recently, in May 2010 MEA raised the alarm that the reduction in crab stocks in the Gulf is at least partly attributable to seismic testing that was conducted seven years ago. This concern has not been adequately investigated and addressed, and this must be done before any further testing is considered.

MEA wishes to express support for the efforts of Attention Fragille, based in the Magdeline Islands in its call for a moratorium on all oil and gas exploration and development in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. This moratorium is necessary to enable governments and stakeholders to prepare plans for social, economic and environmental protection.

- We need to develop integrated management strategies with the collaboration and cooperation of all provinces surrounding the Gulf.
- We need to design standards and rules to enable and enforce these strategies.
- We need to ensure that protective technologies are available and employed by industry.

- We need to build awareness and to determine the collective wisdom and will of the coastal communities on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, through extensive consultations.
- We need to establish appropriate policies to ensure that human activity in the Gulf is managed in the most socially, economically and environmentally sustainable manner.

Thank-you for your attention and consideration. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Brian Peters

for Brian Peters and Neal Livingston,
co-chairs of Margaree Environmental Association