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**From:** Ruelokke, Max  
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**To:** Kelly, Sean  
**Subject:** FW: Old Harry Drilling

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From: Jane Hughes-Dunphy [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2011 8:54 PM  
To: Ruelokke, Max  
Cc: Stephen Harper; Robert Ghiz; sos.gulf@gmail.com  
Subject: Old Harry Drilling

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a resident of Prince Edward Island, living on the Northumberland Strait, not far from the Gulf of St Lawrence.

After the terrible oil well disaster in the Gulf of Mexico last summer, I cannot see how anyone, in good conscience, can allow drilling for oil in any offshore waters, especially those of the Gulf of St Lawrence. The Gulf waters, being colder, will make any spill clean-up much more difficult than in the Gulf of Mexico. Our fisheries are already very fragile and under great threat - our fishers cannot afford another blow to their livelihoods. The Gulf coasts are almost as well-touristed as those of the Gulf of Mexico - will we destroy another Canadian industry - one that can be environmentally friendly and sustainable far into the future? Prince Edward Island is working to develop a reputation for a pure and pristine environment. An oil spill off our shores would be disastrous.

And please be assured that I am absolutely certain that, given time, an oil spill will occur. BP assured everyone that they were doing all the right things but a very bad spill came from their work. So apparently corners were cut and drilling on Old Harry will be done much better. But look at the nuclear disaster going on in Japan now. Every precaution was taken, everything was done to the highest standard; but nature overcame the best safeguards that could be put in place. The Gulf of St Lawrence can be a very wild place in a storm. Nobody's science can make this sort of project 100% safe.

I am thoroughly convinced that the value of the oil to be extracted from Old Harry, whatever it is, would not compensate for the cost of a serious oil spill in the Gulf of St Lawrence. For this reason, as a resident of the Gulf of St Lawrence, I am opposed to the Old Harry Project.

Jane Dunphy  
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