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## STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTHER STRANGE

### *Regarding BP's Challenge to Claims Process*

In March 2012, BP signed an agreement that would compensate thousands of Alabamians. A legion of BP attorneys wrote and negotiated the terms of that agreement.

But now, BP is objecting to the terms of the agreement it signed. This challenge is not surprising; it is consistent with BP's past behavior. At the same time BP lauds its efforts for restoring the Gulf in the media, it blames others in court for its own mistakes to avoid responsibility for its conduct.

As usual, BP is wrong. If BP underestimated how much it would owe under the terms of its agreement, that is BP's problem – not the citizens'. BP cannot undo a settlement it negotiated and signed, just to avoid its consequences. The courts should not allow it.

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