DECLARATION OF STEVE HOWARD, SUNBURST COMPANY

- 1. I, Steve Howard, am over 18 years of age and have personal knowledge of the following facts.
- 2. I own and operate the Sunburst Company, a vacation rental home business located at 59 Canal Street, Seagrove Beach, Walton County, Florida.
- 3. Walton County is located on Northwest Florida's Gulf Coast and the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill has directly and adversely affected it.
- 4. Similarly, the Sunburst Company has been adversely affected by the threat of oil on our beaches. The Sunburst Company manages over 70 homes with an annual gross revenue in excess of \$4 million.
- 5. The threat of oil has significantly chilled our business. Specifically, because of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill Sunburst has received over 32 cancellations with lost revenue of approximately \$100,000.00.
- 6. Until the oil spill is controlled and assurances received that the clean up is effective and oil contained our business remains tentative at best.
- 7. As such it is premature to lift President Obama's moratorium on oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico until the cause of the failure can be determined and plans developed to establish safe guards to protect the gulf and the those states, like Florida, from future oil spills and blow-outs.
- 8. My livelihood relies on clean water and an oil free environment. I am directly affected by the oil spill, the moratorium, and the proposed and yet-to-be-discovered solutions that would prevent future catastrophic events in the Gulf of Mexico. .

I DECLARE under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the laws of the State of Florida that the foregoing is true and correct.

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