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Mr. Rex Tillerson
Chairman and CEO
Exxon Mobil
5959 Las Colinas Blvd
Irving, Texas 75039-4202

Dear Mr. Tillerson:

As ExxonMobil continues to work with federal and state agencies to clean-up the July 1st oil spill from the Silvertip Pipeline, I write to express my related concern about continued operations at the refinery in Billings.

Given that the Silvertip Pipeline delivered the majority of crude oil to the refinery, I am concerned that until the pipeline is repaired, the refinery will be unable to procure the minimal amount of crude necessary for continued operations. I understand that the refinery is in discussions to increase deliveries from the Glacier Pipeline and has expedited a program to truck in oil.

While those efforts are underway, I urge ExxonMobil to commit to not lay off refinery employees or place employees on furlough as a result of the delivery constraint. It would be unacceptable for the pipeline rupture to add additional economic insult to environmental injury.

ExxonMobil is an important member of the Lockwood and Billings communities. Its firm commitment to the workers at the refinery is critical in this difficult time. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Max Baucus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Max" and last name "Baucus" clearly legible.

Senator Max Baucus