

If you see Gov. Jindal, give him a message

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Our governor, Bobby Jindal, is spending a lot of time in your state, so if you see him, please pass along a message.

You may remember the BP disaster and that BP now owes the people of Louisiana a lot of money to restore our coast. You may not know that lots of other oil companies damaged our coast over the years, and the state has failed to hold them accountable. The wetlands they destroyed protect our coastal communities from hurricanes, storm surges and flooding. You may also remember Hurricane Katrina and that hurricane protection is kind of a big deal here.

So a local flood authority sued those oil and gas companies to get them to fix the wetlands. Gov. Jindal then went to the legislature this spring to retroactively kill that lawsuit. Now legal experts and our own attorney general say that legislation may also let BP off the hook for their damage.

So, if you see our governor, please ask him not to bail out the oil companies at our expense. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay the oil companies' bill.

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