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November 17, 2006

Mr. John Hofmeister, President
Shell Oil Company
PO Box 2463
Houston, Texas 77252-2463

Dear Mr. Hofmeister:

As incoming Chairman of the House Government Reform Committee and a longtime supporter of workers' rights, I am deeply concerned about the plight of the janitors in Houston, who are in the fourth week of a labor strike. I am asking for your assistance in resolving this labor dispute with the contract cleaning companies servicing corporate offices in Houston.

In Houston, janitors are paid an average of \$5.30 an hour without health insurance for part-time work, while in Chicago and Los Angeles similarly situated janitors are paid more than \$10 an hour with health benefits for full-time work. The Houston janitors have joined together with their fellow cleaners to fight for a pay raise to \$8.50 per hour, health care benefits, and increased work hours. Without a living wage, custodial cleaners are forced to seek their health care from publicly financed sources, placing a burden on taxpayers and straining the health care system.

Over three years a wage increase for 5,300 Houston janitors to \$8.50 would pump \$47 million back into the local economy, much of which would be spent at neighborhood businesses, doubling or tripling the positive impact on communities around the city where janitors' families live, work, and attend school.

As one of America's most profitable companies, Shell Oil is in a unique position to ensure that the workers who clean its office buildings earn fair wages and have access to employer-paid quality health care. I urge you to help union members by calling on the cleaning contractors—ABM, OneSource, GCA, Sanitors, and Pritchard—to settle this labor dispute in a fair and responsible manner.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



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Mr. Rex W. Tillerson, Chairman and CEO
Exxon Mobil Corporation
5959 Las Colinas Boulevard
Irving, Texas 75039-2298

Dear Mr. Tillerson:

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Mr. David J. O'Reilly, Chairman and CEO
Chevron Corporation
6001 Bollinger Canyon Road
San Ramon, California 94583-2398

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

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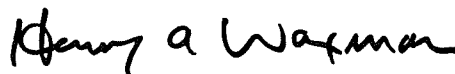
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