

WASHINGTON- Congressman Lee Terry issued the following statement after President Barack Obama spoke to the nation tonight about the BP oil spill:

**"The oil spill is a massive and devastating hit to the Gulf Coast environment," said Congressman Terry. "BP alone is responsible for the costs of the clean up and financial damages to families and businesses that have been economically devastated by the oil spill. The focus right now should be on the clean up and how the government can provide talent and resources to BP. I am concerned that diverting attention away from this man-made environmental disaster to a political item like Cap and Trade will slow the clean up process. A push at this time for a misguided policy that will actually make us more dependent on foreign oil and drive up energy prices makes no sense at all."**

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