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**From:** Stout, Robert [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 03/04/2020 13:02:14  
**To:** Ellis, Joe [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=[REDACTED]]  
**CC:** Ryan, Jason [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=[REDACTED]] Nolan, James  
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**Subject:** Re: ACTION REQUESTED: It's time to leave API (PRIVILEGED & CONFIDENTIAL)

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 8:54 AM, Ellis, Joe [REDACTED]@bp.com> wrote:

Good morning.

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Joe

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**From:** Stout, Robert <[REDACTED]@bp.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2020 7:52 AM  
**To:** Ryan, Jason <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Nolan, James <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Lucas, Sarah <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Keller, Heidi <[REDACTED]@bp.com>  
**Cc:** Fielder, JP <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Phillippe, John <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Ellis, Joe <[REDACTED]@bp.com>  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUESTED: It's time to leave API (PRIVILEGED & CONFIDENTIAL)  
**Importance:** High

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## Bob Stout

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**From:** Ryan, Jason <[REDACTED]@bp.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:44 PM

**To:** Nolan, James <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Lucas, Sarah <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Keller, Heidi <[REDACTED]@bp.com>

**Cc:** Fielder, JP <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Stout, Robert <[REDACTED]@bp.com>

**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUESTED: It's time to leave API

How about this as a draft response? Best, Jason

Dear X,

Thank you for reaching out and your concern. I [get it, and – I know we are trying to use BL's voice but this does not sound right to me in the context] want you to know that BP's commitment to safety and compliance has not changed during this challenging time.

[As I understand it – would strike this phrase as it sounds too cute to me] The API request to the EPA would not exempt [shouldn't we use the language from their e-mail, i.e. does not "suspend regulations of emissions and safety standards", plus Jim Nolan should verify -companies from their obligations to uphold environmental standards and regulatory requirements]. Instead they are asking for [some flexibility in reporting requirements – Is this right? Nolan should verify -- I think it is broader and may need to be

characterized differently] more than that] to adhere to the US CDC guidelines and state-level orders to slow the spread of COVID-19 while seeking to effectively manage the US fuel and energy system.

When we released our trade association review last month we noted that API recently took steps to revise its climate position. Their new position and corresponding climate policy principles have shifted, and the association is now more closely aligned with BP. We believe we can remain a positive influence within API. The safety work and standards that API sets for the industry are important and critical especially during this challenging time. [This whole paragraph seems to go farther and open us up more than we want to in this letter with regard to climate, when the letter does not deal with climate per se. Plus we said API is partially aligned and this is still true. Should we say something more like the following:

"I do appreciate your raising this concern so we can take it into account as part of our regular review of the positions of API and our other trade associations. As we stated when we released our trade association report last month, we will continue to review the policy positions of our trade associations versus our own, recognizing that their positions often represent a compromise or majority view and thus are unlikely to correspond all the time with our own. Where differences arise we will seek to influence from within. This may take time but if we ultimately reach an impasse, we will be transparent in publicly stating those differences. And on major issues, if our views and those of an association cannot be reconciled then we will withdraw our membership.

Again, sincere thanks for bringing your concerns to our attention."]

BL.

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**From:** Fielder, JP <[REDACTED]@bp.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:56 PM

**To:** Nolan, James <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Ryan, Jason <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Lucas, Sarah <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Amezaga, Maria <[REDACTED]@bp.com>

**Cc:** Ellis, Joe <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Stout, Robert <[REDACTED]@bp.com>

**Subject:** ACTION REQUESTED: It's time to leave API

Jim, Jason and Sarah,

Bernard received a few hundred copies of the email below. Could you please come together in developing and editing a response? Please bounce this off Bob Stout before Joe and I take a quick look. From there we can get this up to Mary.

Jason, could you also connect w API and understand if they're receiving similar inquiries?

Maria, Could anyone on your team (Austin?) hunt down where this is originating? While it won't shape the reply, it would be helpful context to provide Group/the exec office.

Please let us know if you have questions.

JP

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**From:** Streett, Mary <[REDACTED]@bp.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** Stout, Robert <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Fielder, JP <[REDACTED]@bp.com>; Ellis, Joe <[REDACTED]@bp.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: It's time to leave API

A few hundred of these emails were sent to BL today - can you all have someone on your team draft a short response and make sure you are all in alignment—

I understand that these were compliance/reporting waivers - not giving license to pollute - look forward to seeing a draft - is tomorrow 10:30 doable? Thanks

Dear James,

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com <[REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** 02 April 2020 19:21  
**To:** Looney, Bernard <[REDACTED]@bp.com>  
**Subject:** It's time to leave API

Dear CEO Bernard Looney,

The American Petroleum Institute (API), a trade association which you lead and fund, recently lobbied the US Environmental Protection Agency to suspend certain regulations of emissions and other safety standards at fossil fuel facilities during the coronavirus crisis.

It is unacceptable to use the coronavirus pandemic as a tool to further pollute and endanger already vulnerable communities.

Your most recent review of your trade association memberships found some misalignment with the API, but you chose to maintain your membership because of the benefits it brought you. This action by the API will leverage one public health crisis into another--it is grounds for your company to immediately cut ties with the group.

I urge you to stop funding the API to demonstrate your opposition to its efforts to waive pollution regulations, which will further endanger frontline communities during the coronavirus pandemic.

Sincerely,  
James Haggerty  
[REDACTED]