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Like the rest of America, I have watched in horror over the last three months as the negligent acts of the profit-driven foreign oil company BP have destroyed the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, killed and maimed precious wildlife, threatened beaches and shorelines and devastated the economy of the Gulf region. I am also aware that there are thousands of victims of Chinese drywall. Victims who have been poisoned in their own homes. Victims who must leave tainted homes for their personal health and safety and lose their dream home or retirement home because they cannot afford both a mortgage and rent. I have heard about sickened children, and pets who have left us too soon. Chinese drywall, like the Gulf oil spill, has devastated lives and caused drastic economic harm.

I was impressed when President Obama strong-armed the foreign oil magnate BP into setting up a \$20 billion fund for victims of the Gulf oil spill. I was impressed with his quick action and his support for the Gulf region. I couldn't help but notice the parallels between the Gulf oil spill and the Chinese drywall tragedy. Both involved foreign companies either engaging in negligent or possibly criminal acts - one by cutting corners in building an oil well - the other by sending millions of defective sheets of drywall to be used in unsuspecting American homes. While the evidence is still unfolding, we have reason to believe that at least one foreign drywall manufacturer was aware of the defective nature of the drywall.

Both catastrophes have significantly impacted the health, safety and pocketbooks of thousands of Americans. So why has President Obama ignored the plight of thousands of Americans who breathe in sulfur gasses every day? Americans who have lost their homes because of Chinese drywall? Perhaps because the Gulf oil spill is a sexier news story. You can hardly turn on the news and not see images of tar balls on beaches and oil covered pelicans. Perhaps because it is easier to work with a British company rather than a German or Chinese company. But how often do we see a family who can't breathe in their own home?

While I empathize with the plight of the fisherman and others affected by the oil spill, I would like to see President Obama set up a news conference in a home devastated by Chinese drywall and address what may be an equal or greater number of victims than the Gulf oil spill. We are on the way to finding Chinese drywall in every state in the union and it is time for the President to attempt to bring foreign manufacturers of Chinese drywall to the White House and set up a fund for Chinese drywall victims.