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Ms. Kelly Hammerle
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Dear Ms. Hammerle:

As you prepare the 2019-2024 Five-Year Offshore Leasing Program, we urge you to embrace a true all-of-the-above energy policy by allowing for more leasing, exploration and development of potential U.S. offshore oil and natural gas resources. If more areas are opened to offshore exploration and development, the resulting economic activity and energy production could do great things for our nation.

A federal energy policy that takes full advantage of all domestic energy sources including continued offshore development in the Gulf of Mexico and expanded access into new areas of the eastern Gulf of Mexico, Alaska, and Atlantic will help keep the U.S. energy renaissance going. Offshore oil and gas exploration is now safer than ever. Our nation needs to take full advantage of the potential benefits that continued and expanded offshore exploration and production can bring to the U.S. and its citizens.

Throughout the country, many sectors of our nation's economy will reap the positive benefits of abundant energy sources. Businesses small and large will see new opportunities and will help create additional jobs. In addition, a robust domestic energy policy will support stable energy prices, help meet the anticipated rising energy demand, bring in additional government revenues and strengthen our energy and national security. We hope that the 2019-2024 Five-Year Offshore Leasing Program will allow us to realize the full potential that domestic offshore oil and natural gas, as part of a true all-of-the-above energy policy, can bring to the country.

Sincerely,

Alabama Petroleum Council
Alabama Propane Gas Association
Alabama Pulp & Paper Council
Business Council of Alabama
Energy Institute of Alabama
Manufacture Alabama
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Arkansas Chamber of Commerce
Arkansas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association
Arkansas Oil Marketers Association
Arkansas Petroleum Council

Associated Industries of Arkansas
Colorado Petroleum Council
Connecticut Petroleum Council
Associated Industries of Florida
Florida Natural Gas Association
Florida Petroleum Council
Florida Petroleum Marketers Association
Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Chemistry Council
Georgia Petroleum Council
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Oil and Gas Association
Illinois Petroleum Council
Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association
H & C Climate Control
Indiana Builders Association
Indiana Manufactured Housing Association
Indiana Manufactures Association
Indiana Petroleum Council
Indiana Retail Council
American Council of Engineering Companies of Iowa
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Iowa Engineering Society
Iowa Good Roads Association
Iowa Motor Truck Association
Master Builders of Iowa
Society of Land Surveyors of Iowa
RV Indiana Council
Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Kansas Manufacturing Council
Kansas Petroleum Council
Maryland Petroleum Council
Massachusetts Energy Marketers Association
Massachusetts Petroleum Council
Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan
Minnesota Petroleum Council
Chemistry Council of Missouri
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Missouri Petroleum Council
Missouri Propane Gas Association
New Jersey Petroleum Council
API New York
Associated Builders & Contractors Carolinas
North Carolina Chamber
North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance

North Carolina Petroleum Council
North Dakota Petroleum Council
API Ohio
Ohio AgriBusiness Association
Ohio Cast Metals Association
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Manufacturers Association
Ohio Trucking Association
Associated Petroleum Industries of Pennsylvania
Manufacturer and Business Association
Marcellus Shale Coalition
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association
Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association
The Energy Council of Rhode Island
API South Carolina
Associated Builders & Contractors Carolinas
South Carolina Manufacturers Association
Tennessee Fuel and Convenience Store Association
Tennessee Petroleum Council
Texas Oil and Gas Association
Columbia Gas of Virginia
Dominion Energy
Environmental Standards, LLC
Old Dominion Electric Cooperative
Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy
Virginia Agribusiness Council
Virginia Farm Bureau
Virginia FREE
Virginia Hispanic Chamber
Virginia Natural Gas
Virginia Oil and Gas Association
Virginia Petroleum Council
Virginia Petroleum, Convenience and Grocery Association
Virginia State Building & Construction Trades Council
Virginia Trucking Association
Washington Gas
Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce
Wisconsin Petroleum Council
Petroleum Association of Wyoming