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Subject: Request for Comments on the 11th National Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program

As you prepare the 11th National Offshore Leasing Program, we commend the Department of the Interior (DOI) for proposing a robust lease sale schedule in planning areas throughout the Outer Continental Shelf. We appreciate that the proposal includes traditional production regions where production has some of the lowest carbon footprint in the world, areas close to existing infrastructure, and frontier areas. Expanding leasing, exploration and development of U.S. offshore oil and natural gas resources can drive economic growth and energy production, further strengthening American energy leadership.

Currently, offshore energy development accounts for approximately 14% of total U.S. crude oil production and 2% of natural gas production. Offshore exploration and production activities support high-paying jobs and help meet growing demand for affordable, reliable energy. In addition, U.S. offshore oil produces some of the lowest carbon intensity barrels in the world.¹ A robust offshore leasing program can helpfully leverage the nation's vast energy resources to provide affordable energy, fund critical government programs, and enhance stability around the world. In addition, unlocking the nation's energy resources benefits all sectors of the economy, allowing businesses of all sizes to create jobs and build opportunities.

As development of the 11th National Offshore Leasing Program advances, we urge DOI to retain lease sales in frontier areas and to continue offering leasing opportunities in traditional production regions, ensuring the nation can fully realize the potential of U.S. offshore oil and natural gas exploration, development, and production.

Sincerely,

Alabama Farmers Federation (ALFA)
Alabama Propane Gas Association
American Energy Alliance
American Exploration & Production Council (AXPC)
American Gas Association
American Petroleum Institute (API)
American Supply Association (ASA)
Arkansas Chamber of Commerce

Arkansas Oil Marketers Association
American Pipeline Contractors Association
Arkansas Retailers Association
Associated Builders and Contractors - National
Associated Builders and Contractors – Minnesota
Associated Builders and Contractors Appalachia
Associated Industries of Missouri
COLAB (South Louisiana Economic Center)

¹ <https://www.noia.org/noia-report-ghg-emission-intensity-of-crude-oil-and-condensate-production/>

Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA)
Domestic Energy Producers Alliance
Eastern Kansas Oil & Gas Association
EnerGeo Alliance
Energy Marketers of America
Energy Workforce & Technology Council
Florida Farm Bureau Federation
Florida Petroleum Marketers Association
Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Fuel Iowa
Fuel True Independent Energy & Convenience
Fueling Minnesota
Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia
GPAMidstream
Grow Louisiana Coalition
Gulf Energy Alliance
Illinois Fuel & Retail Association
Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA)
International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC)
Kansas Manufacturing Council
Lafourche Chamber of Commerce
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Louisiana Midcontinent Oil and Gas Association
Louisiana Oil and Gas Association (LOGA)
Manufacture Alabama
Marcellus Shale Coalition
Metropolitan Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Petroleum Association
Michigan Association of Convenience Stores
Minnesota Private Business Council
Minnesota Service Station & Convenience Store Association
Mississippi Business Alliance
Mississippi Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Stores Association
Mississippi Propane Gas Association

Missouri Petroleum & Convenience Association
Missouri Propane Gas Association
Missouri Natural Gas Association
National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)
National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC)
North Carolina Petroleum & Convenience Marketers
Offshore Operators Committee (OOC)
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Energy and Convenience Association
Ohio Manufacturers' Association
Ohio Oil & Gas Association
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council
Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Coalition
Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association (PIOGA)
Pennsylvania Independent Petroleum Producers
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association
Pennsylvania Petroleum Association
Petroleum & Convenience Marketers of Alabama
Ports Association of Louisiana
Propane Marketers Association of Kansas
South Central Industrial Association
South Dakota Petroleum & Propane Marketers Association
Utah Petroleum Association
US Chamber of Commerce
US Oil and Gas Association
West Virginia Manufacturers' Association
Wisconsin Independent Businesses
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Wisconsin Fuel & Retail Association
Wisconsin Propane Gas Association