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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