



New York State Assembly Citation

Whereas, in New York thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of income depend on clean, oil-free water and beaches and abundant fish and wildlife; and

Whereas, offshore oil and gas drilling places coastal communities at economic and ecological risk from oil spills and the pollution brought by routine drilling operations and industrialization, threatening the livelihoods of commercial and recreational fisherman and small businesses that rely on a clean and healthy ocean and beaches; and

Whereas, the oil and gas exploration process disrupts and displaces marine life such as endangered whales which rely on sound to find food and mate, and can impair the health of many fish species; and

Whereas, the harmful impacts from offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration along our Atlantic coastline can extend far beyond immediately surrounding areas and can severely impact the individuals that rely on the robust economy of the marine industry; and

Whereas, offshore drilling perpetuates our ties to dirty carbon pollution and contributes to climate change and the resulting sea level rise and extreme weather; therefore be it

Proclaimed, that as duly elected Members of the State Assembly of New York, we hereby oppose any plan or legislation which encourages oil and gas development and exploration offshore that would impact the citizens of New York State.

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