



## Cosponsor and Vote “YES” on H.R. 1941 & H.R. 205 to Prohibit the Expansion of Offshore Drilling

The Trump administration proposed opening more than 90 percent of U.S. federal waters to offshore oil and gas drilling. This plan endangers 42,000 miles of our Atlantic and Pacific coasts to the extreme risks posed by dirty and dangerous offshore drilling and spilling.

The BP *Deepwater Horizon* disaster killed 11 people and caused one of the worst environmental disasters in our nation’s history. The devastation is still being realized and underscores why proposals for expanding offshore drilling are shortsighted and wrong. Coastal communities and businesses rely upon a healthy marine environment for their livelihoods and way of life and cannot afford the devastation that comes with oil spills.

Every East and West Coast governor, more than 360 municipalities, 47,000 businesses and 500,000 fishing families, as well as 2,200 elected officials from both parties and all levels of government have expressed opposition over offshore drilling activities. The Department of Defense, the Air Force and NASA have also expressed serious concerns, as the Atlantic, Pacific and eastern Gulf of Mexico host a variety of training and testing activities critical to military readiness and our national security. The eastern Gulf of Mexico is protected by congressional moratorium under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006—but only through June 30, 2022.

### **Congress MUST act.**

Congress CAN force changes to the administration’s offshore drilling plans through legislation. Many bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives this year to protect our coasts from dangerous and dirty oil and gas drilling. Two are expected to be marked up by the House Natural Resources Committee in June 2019. We ask you to cosponsor these bills, and we ask for your “yes” vote when they come to the floor.

#### **H.R. 1941 - Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act**

- Introduced by Representative Joe Cunningham (D-SC) and Representative Francis Rooney (R-FL), H.R. 1941 would place a permanent moratorium on offshore oil and gas leasing in the Atlantic Ocean, Straits of Florida and Pacific Ocean.

#### **H.R. 205 - Protecting and Securing Florida’s Coastline Act of 2019**

- Introduced by Representative Francis Rooney (R-FL), and Representative Kathy Castor (D-FL), H.R. 205 would amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to make permanent the current moratorium that prohibits offshore oil and gas leasing off Florida’s Gulf Coast through June 30, 2022.

**Protect our coasts from offshore drilling: Cosponsor and vote “YES” on H.R. 1941 and H.R. 205.**