

While we presently stand in opposition to offshore drilling, we absolutely continue to advocate for the further research and clearer facts on the matter. Our primary cause of concern throughout our due diligence has been the lack of cohesive, substantive, and unbiased information. The facts are simply not clear on the matter. We feel it is in the best interest of all to slow down and re-examine this issue. We also hope that progress will be made in addressing the concerns of coastal communities like ours, who currently inherit much of the risk without any clear benefits. If progress can be made to address this underlying issue, as well as the ability for states and local communities to receive just compensation for this increased risk, we are more than willing to revisit our position. In the meantime, we urge any interested parties to reach out, further educate our association, and provide us with more substantive data and facts.

Sincerely,



Joseph DaBiero
President

cc: Virginia Beach City Council
Ruth Hodges Fraser, Virginia Beach City Clerk