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National Oil and Gas Leasing Program Development and Coordination Branch
Leasing Division, Office of Strategic Resources
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (VAM-LD)
45600 Woodland Road
Sterling, Virginia 201-9216

SUBJECT: Letter of Opposition for Inclusion of New Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing

Dear Kelly Hammerle:

On behalf of the Carpinteria community, this is a Letter of Opposition for the inclusion of new offshore oil and gas leasing in the Draft Proposed Program (DPP) of the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program, as proposed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and referenced in Federal Register Vol. 90, No. 224 (dated Monday, November 24, 2025), Notices, Pages 52996-52999, FR Doc No: 2025-0483. Offshore oil and gas leasing poses significant risks to the Carpinteria community's coastal environment and marine ecosystems as well as its local economy, which is heavily reliant on tourism, recreation, and commercial and recreational fishing. The Carpinteria community is also home to unique coastal and marine resources including nearshore reefs, Carpinteria City Beach, Carpinteria Salt Marsh, and Carpinteria State Beach, which all attract over one million visitors annually.

The Carpinteria community also does not believe the DPP adequately considers regional and local laws and policies including the State of California's federally-certified Coastal Zone Management Plan and State Tidelands Oil and Gas Sanctuary, respectively, as well as the City of Carpinteria's Local Coastal Plan, which implements the California Coastal Act.

For these reasons, the Carpinteria community strongly opposes the inclusion of new offshore oil and gas leasing in the DPP and requests for the exclusion of the Pacific Ocean coastline along California from the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program and to prioritize the protection of coastal ecosystems, public access, and regional economies dependent on healthy marine environments.

Sincerely,

Natalia Alarcon
Mayor, City of Carpinteria

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