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Via Regulations.gov Docket

Dear Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,

Attached please find the names of 488 individuals who are opposed to the proposed plan that would auction off a staggering 1.27 billion acres of public lands all across the country for oil and gas extraction. Inserted below is the letter that Earthjustice supporters signed and attached to this docket submission is the file containing their names.

RE: Docket ID BOEM-2025-0483

I vehemently oppose the Trump administration's 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program, which would open a staggering 1.27 billion acres of our country's public waters to new oil and gas drilling.

The offshore areas of Alaska, the Gulf Coast of Florida, and the entire California coast do not need any new oil rigs. This administration is trying to force offshore oil drilling onto communities that do not want it in their public waters.

There is no "energy emergency." The U.S. is already producing more oil than any other nation in history, the majority of which gets exported. Moreover, the oil industry has already leased millions of acres of public waters, and the vast majority of active leases have yet to start producing oil and gas.

The Interior Department has a legal obligation to consider the potential effects of offshore drilling on both human and ecological environments.

It is hard to deny how this proposed leasing plan will endanger the health and well-being of millions of people who live along our coasts. It would also devastate countless ocean ecosystems that both humans and wildlife rely on.

Coastal economies depend on healthy and clean oceans. Offshore drilling increases the threat of catastrophic oil spills. Oil spills impact thousands of jobs, from tourism to commercial fishing, cause long-lasting harm to wildlife and ecosystems, and cost billions of dollars in economic losses.

More offshore drilling exposes coastal communities to more toxic air pollution. Communities where offshore drilling already happens are burdened by some of the highest rates of cancer and respiratory illnesses in the country.

Opposition from business alliances, local governments, congressional representatives, tourism groups, and local industries has for years protected against the introduction of offshore drilling in these areas. The message is clear: We don't want or need any new drilling off our coasts.

I sincerely urge you to recognize the harm that new federal leases pose and take our public waters off the auction block.

Sincerely,
[undersigned]

Please let me know if you need more information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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