OneShoreline
Building Solutions for a Changing Climate

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Ms. Kelly Hammerle
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (VAM-LD)
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Re: Comments on the Draft Proposed Program for the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (BOEM-2025-0483)

Dear Ms. Hammerle:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Proposed Program for the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (BOEM-2025-0483), which includes a proposal to allow new drilling for oil and gas off the coast of California. The Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District, known as OneShoreline, expresses its strong opposition to any new drilling off the coast of San Mateo County, California.

The Pacific Coast of San Mateo County includes nine state beaches, multiple nature preserves, miles of trails, an expansive network of hotels and restaurants, vast agricultural lands, and major local, state, and federal assets and infrastructure – all of which are critical to residents and visitors to the region and create substantial economic activity. These resources and sectors have benefitted from the decades-long ban on offshore drilling and would be substantially harmed by the impacts of new drilling.

Those impacts are well established. They include harms to the marine and land environments, which in turn harm the economic activity that emanates from our coastal resources. This is before we account for the significant long-term damage that many communities, including in California, have seen following spills in sensitive waters. Finally, but significantly, this unnecessary proposal to increase U.S. reliance on fossil fuels will only increase the necessary costs to mitigate its harms that are born by San Mateo County and every other U.S. county that has seen larger wildfires, more intense storms, higher tides, longer droughts, or hotter summers – in short, every U.S. county.

The consequences of expanding offshore oil drilling will be far-reaching, jeopardizing our coastal communities, regional economy, and national interests. Therefore, we urge you to remove the San Mateo County portion of the California coast from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Draft Proposed Program for the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

Sincerely,

Debbie Ruddock

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Chair, Board of Directors