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December 19, 2025

Ms. Kelly Hammerle, Bureau of Ocean Management
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RE: Comments for the 11th National OCS Oil & Gas Leasing Program

From the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Milton FL

Dear Kelly,

On behalf of the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, thank you for helping us support our Santa Rosa County with the Big Beautiful Gulf Lease Sale (BBGLS). After discussions with County Commissioners, the Santa Rosa County Military Affairs Committee and other local representatives, our Board of Directors is asking you to reconsider the small portion of the Blocks available for Lease under the Eastern Gulf Test and Training Range (EGTTR).

Our Chamber of Commerce is so thankful for the commitment to national defense, economic prosperity and environmental stewardship. We are a huge supporter of our military, tourism and the business community of Santa Rosa County, Florida. We are asking you to please not allow any of our military ranges to be compromised with this lease sale.

Thank you for your consideration.

If I can answer any questions or attend any meetings in support of our request above, please reach out to me on my personal cell phone at 850 276-7917. I want to personally thank you for helping with the success United States, the State of Florida and the continued support of Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Sincerely on behalf of the Board of Directors,

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