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CHAIRWOMAN, THIRD DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 9, 2018

The Honorable Donald Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to urge you and your Administration to reject any proposal that would allow an expansion of offshore oil drilling in the coastal waters off of the State of California. Any effort to expand offshore drilling in the waters off the California coast would endanger our region and our State's vibrant coastal economy and ecology.

San Diego's coastal economy, marine wildlife, and military operations are threatened by proposed expanded offshore oil and gas leasing. The Santa Barbara spill of 1969 dumped as much as three million gallons of oil into the ocean creating an oil slick stretching 35 miles along the California coast. Should new drilling be allowed, it will only increase the likelihood of additional spills, and the potential for major economic and environmental disaster for California and the nation.

The California State Lands Commission noted that in 2016, California's coastal economy produced \$2.2 trillion, which represents 12 percent of the nation's total economy. The expansion of offshore drilling in California represents a direct threat to this nationally significant economic engine, threatens hundreds of thousands of jobs that are reliant on the coastal economy, and could threaten animal and marine life.

The County of San Diego has opposed offshore oil drilling in the coastal waters within the San Diego region for more than 20 years. Our Board urges you to take heed of this message, and reject the coastal waters of California for any expansion of offshore oil drilling.

Sincerely,

KRISTIN GASPAR  
Chairwoman  
County of San Diego

Cc: San Diego Congressional Delegation