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April 2, 2015

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Outer Banks Association of Realtors, representing over 900 real estate professionals located in northeastern, NC, opposes a Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Draft Proposed Program that would include the Outer Continental Shelf area off of North Carolina's coast in the 2017-2022 Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

The Outer Banks of North Carolina is internationally known for its beautiful, pristine beaches and clean waterways. Our tourism economy, our fishing industry and the outside investment in our communities is dependent upon the maintenance and viability of our natural resources.

Our beaches and waterways support thousands of jobs and produce millions of dollars in revenue for not only our local communities but for the state of NC.

The threat of damage to these resources far outweighs any benefit that may be provided by off-shore oil and/or natural gas exploration and harvesting.

Sincerely,

Colleen Shriver, President
Outer Banks Association of REALTORS®

CC: Secretary Sally Jewell, US Department of the Interior
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