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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

Department of the Interior (DOI)

Re: Notice of Availability (NOA) of the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program and Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

To Whom it May Concern,

We are All Our Energy, a Long Island-based organization that empowers the public to help transition society to renewable energy, fight climate change, and address local environmental threats.

We are here today to speak out against the totally unnecessary, high risk, completely destructive, and wholly inappropriate quest to open up off shore drilling in the Atlantic.

There is no statement of need of any belief to justify the imminent risk this proposal creates. What need?

There is no cost-benefit analysis of belief that shows opening up a free for all, Wild-West-style, Atlantic Ocean slash and burn, take-what-you-can-and-run policy has any advantage for Americans. What benefit is inured to any private citizen of this needless exercise?

There's no cost attached to exploiting and releasing the assured climate change effects of additional climate changing gases added to our atmosphere. There's no cost associated with the risk and potential permanent pollution damage in the water.

Why not? Why should everyone else besides the profiteer pay that cost and bear that risk?

There's no consequence of harming wildlife in the name "exploration" with seismic blasting. If you wouldn't subject yourself and your children to it, it probably shouldn't be done. Norway is seeing a



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continued 60% reduction in fish stocks a full year AFTER seismic blasting has stopped. Their industry is collapsing. Why would we allow that to happen here?

Additionally, it is a most crass political ploy to provide a deferment for Florida as a political favor to a swing voter state that has the same tourism interests every other oceanfront state has. All Americans Are Created Equal. If it's admittedly not ok for Florida, it's not OK ANYWHERE.

To drilling in our Atlantic waters we have only one reply. It's not acceptable. Not here. Not ever.

Sincerely,

George Povall,
Executive Director
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