

**Congress of the United States**

**House of Representatives**

**Washington, DC 20515**

April 7, 2006

Ms. Renee Orr  
5-Year Program Manager  
Minerals Management Service (MS-4010) Room 3120  
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RE: America Needs More Secure Domestic Energy

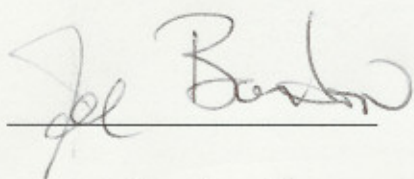
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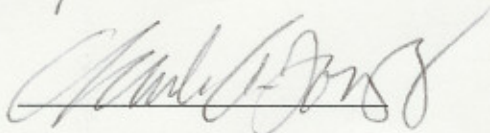
We are writing to express our strong support for expanded leasing on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) during the 5-year period 2007 – 2012. In order to develop reliable domestic supplies of oil and natural gas for American consumers, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) must allow access to federal offshore deepwater.

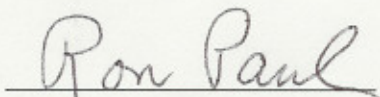
Under persistently high energy prices, U.S. consumers continue to feel the strain. The nearly 80% of our OCS currently excluded from production could provide the resources to facilitate rational energy markets and help American industries remain competitive. Moreover, a reliable source of domestically produced oil and natural gas is necessary to ensure our future energy security.

The areas identified by the MMS for leasing during the 2007-2012 program are necessary, but we also strongly support inclusion of additional areas in federal waters offshore Alaska (Bristol Bay, Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea), the Gulf of Mexico, as well as the vast undeveloped areas in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Provided that the process adheres to established environmental safeguards, these areas hold a great deal of energy promise that will benefit all Americans.

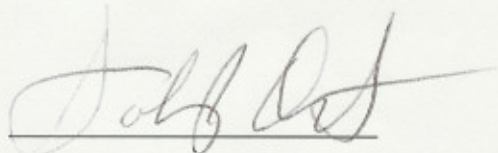
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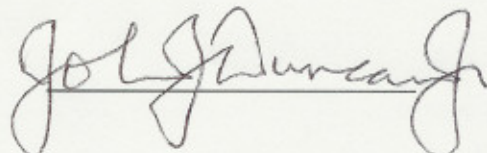
  
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