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Senator Bill Cassidy
520 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Cassidy:

NOIA has long-supported federal revenue sharing of outer continental shelf oil and natural gas revenues for all coastal states and local political subdivisions. Federal revenue sharing ensures that states and localities with offshore potential receive a fair share of offshore benefits, and may utilize these funds to meet localized needs.

For these reasons, NOIA supported the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA); and supports your amendment to Section 105(f)(1) of GOMESA to increase the limit on the disbursement of qualified OCS revenues in certain years. Specifically, the amendment would change the maximum amount that can be distributed (to the coastal states and the LWCF combined) from \$500 million to \$650 million in two fiscal years, FY2020 and FY2021. Under the amendment the \$500 million cap would stay the same for FY2016-FY2019 and for FY2022-FY2055.

The Gulf region's vast contribution to domestic energy production spans generations, providing energy security and economic prosperity to all Americans. Your amendment ensures the continued equitable treatment of Gulf states for providing these invaluable contributions, and NOIA is proud to lend our support.

Sincerely,


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