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June 20, 2006

The Honorable Richard W. Pombo  
Chairman  
Committee on Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6201

The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6201

Dear Chairman Pombo and Ranking Member Rahall:

We write to offer our strong support for legislation that will dedicate a portion of revenues generated from oil and gas production on the outer continental shelf to coastal producing states. Your leadership on this issue is to be commended and we applaud your dedication to securing our nation's domestic energy supply.

As you well know, our states have proudly hosted the offshore oil and gas industry for decades. It has brought prosperity to our states and security to the entire nation. Much like the revenues from onshore production on federal lands that are shared with states, a share in these existing OCS revenues will further ensure that the infrastructure and environmental integrity of our coasts can support this valuable industry for years to come.

Again, thank you for your vision and leadership on this critical issue. Please accept our wholehearted support for this legislation and call upon us at any time for assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



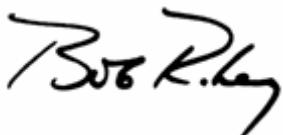
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