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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

January 30, 2018

Re: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara Opposing New Offshore Oil Leases in Federal Waters

Santa Barbara knows all too well the environmental and economic havoc that can be created by offshore oil drilling. In 1969, Santa Barbara experienced devastation when 3 million gallons of offshore crude oil spilled along one of the nation's most beautiful and biodiverse coastlines, killing thousands of birds, fish and marine mammals, and causing tens of millions of dollars of direct economic damages (not adjusted for inflation). In response to the devastation, the modern environmental movement was sparked. Just three years ago, coastal oil drilling activities plagued Santa Barbara again when a pipeline spilled more than 100,000 gallons of crude oil onto Refugio State Beach, leaking into the Pacific Ocean's ecosystem.

With the backing of President Trump, U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke recently announced plans to open nearly all federal coastal waters to new offshore oil and gas drilling, including the entire coast of California. Shortly after the announcement, the Administration exempted the State of Florida from offshore drilling after public protestations from the State's Governor. California's state waters have been off-limits to new oil drilling since 1969, and the last lease in federal waters was issued more than three decades ago.

The California coastline with its fragile coastal environments and biodiversity, its important fish stocks and its National Marine Sanctuaries, is a national treasure and a valuable state resource, and generates, together with a vibrant tourist industry, nearly five billion dollars in state and local taxes each year, and is the heart of the State's \$45 billion ocean economy.

With this resolution of formal opposition to the Administration's plans to open our coastline to oil and gas drilling, we join our neighbors at the County of Ventura, California Governor Jerry Brown, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal, and many other counties and municipalities to request an exemption from opening our precious coastline from the threats posed by offshore oil and gas development.

Sincerely,

Das Williams
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

See following page for list of officials designated to receive copies of this resolution.

CC: President Donald J. Trump
Vice President Michael R. Pence
Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke
Governor Edmund “Jerry” Brown
U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senator Kamala Harris
Congressmember Salud Carbajal
State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
State Assemblymember Monique Limón
Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham
Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate Addison Mitchell “Mitch” McConnell Jr.
Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate Charles “Chuck” Schumer
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Paul D. Ryan
Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi
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Raúl Grijalva
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
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