

Ryan Zinke

Secretary of The Interior

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Dear Secretary Zinke,

Cars Are Basic (CAB) is submitting this letter commenting on the Department of the Interior's review of the 5-year leasing plan for the Outer Continental Shelf.

CAB supports oil and gas development onshore in California, and offshore of California. Oil reserves located in federal waters offshore of California has been estimated in the billions of barrels. The monetary value of those oil reserves may be in the hundreds of billions, or even trillions, of dollars.

CAB supports the thorough, scientific evaluation of oil and gas reserves located in federal waters offshore of Santa Barbara County and the State of California. Those oil reserves belong to ALL the people of the United States, and the decisions made by the Department of the Interior must be in the best interests of ALL the people of this nation.

For the past several years, CAB has attempted to convince Santa Barbara County governments to review and consider the economic benefits of oil and gas development. For the most part, county government has not only refused to examine the potential of oil and gas development, it has obstructed any review or discussion of the issue. The Department of Interior should take Santa Barbara County government's actions under consideration, when Santa Barbara County governments submit any document expressing a position on oil and gas.

The economic and energy security of the United States is an extremely important issue, and the decisions made by the federal government concerning oil and gas development should be based on sound science, and a well thought-out development plan. CAB urges the Department of Interior to act in the best interest of ALL Americans, and order a review of federal offshore oil and gas reserves located off the coast of Santa Barbara County and the State of California.

Thank You,

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