



President Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

Enclosed please find letters signed by over 360 Atlantic Coast businesses urging the administration to take the Atlantic out of the proposed program for oil and gas drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf (2017-2022). Given the impacts of day to day drilling operations from chronic pollution to the industrialization of the coast for oil facilities, not to mention the devastation an oil spill would have on Atlantic Coast beaches, these business owners assert the prudent and precautionary response would be to withdraw your support for offshore drilling and seismic blasting in the Atlantic Ocean.

Sincerely,

Rachel Richardson
Stop Drilling Program Director
Environment America Research & Policy Center

Our coasts are worth too much to risk

February 16, 2016

Dear President Obama,

As small business owners, stakeholders and employees of the tourism industry along the Atlantic Coast, we urge you to rescind all plans of drilling off our shores.

Our coasts are lined with beaches visited by tens of millions annually, national wildlife refuges, parks and sensitive marshes and bays. They support a robust fishing and tourism industry, hundreds of miles of beaches and marsh environments, and important ocean ecosystems.

For the sake of our beaches, coastal communities and the significant boon coastal tourism provides to our economy, we the undersigned local business leaders are strongly opposed to drilling for oil off the Atlantic Coast, and we are calling on you to remove any proposals to do so from the 2017-2022 Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

Offshore drilling is incompatible with our tourism and fishing industries. When you drill, you spill, and day to day drilling operations result in chronic pollution and the industrialization of the coast for oil facilities. Look no further than the devastation the BP Deepwater Horizon catastrophe brought to the Gulf of Mexico's fishing, tourism and wildlife to recognize the impact drilling would have here on the Atlantic Coast.

The potential economic losses that new offshore drilling would bring to our existing coastal economies and the potential for damage to treasured coasts and marine resources would be devastating. Tourism in East Coast states generates billions of dollars in economic activity and supports over one million jobs. Commercial and recreational fishing in the Atlantic produces roughly \$1.75 billion in direct value for states along the East Coast and more than \$4 billion in total economic activity. Our clean beaches, coasts and oceans are worth too much to risk to the dangers of offshore drilling.

Additionally, according to the Energy Information Administration, there is only about 209 days' worth of oil and 13 months' worth of natural gas in the Atlantic Ocean. The potential short-term economic gain drilling would bring to our economy is not worth sacrificing the immense and sustained value our coastal tourism and fishing industries bring to Atlantic Coast states and the entire United States.

From our local businesses to bustling boardwalks and populated beaches, it is no wonder families frequent our beaches and people come from all over to experience the wonders of the Atlantic Coast.

Our coasts are worth too much to risk. Rather than exposing our beaches, families and businesses to the inherent risks of drilling, we need to move this country in the direction of renewable energy. Thus are calling on you to halt plans to drill off the Atlantic coast.

Signed,

Connecticut

Kajesta, LLC
Craig Chessari – Master Woodworker
Logistics Management Consultant
Ox Bow Press

Atlantic Bay Resort
Tarpon Flats Inn & Marina
Stone Ledge Paradise Inn
Harbortown Marina-Fort Pierce
Fairbanks House
The Mellon Patch Inn
Edgewater River Guide
Discover Diving Guide & Services
Beachside Candy Co.
Neighbors, A/C
JazzSLAM
Jobbing Hut
Lisaleine LLC
Computer Mercenaries Extraordinaire
Vista-Research
Magic Eye Coffee Service Inc
Supervettes
GadgetsGo
The People's Businesses
Gates Management Services, Inc.

SouthStar Capital, LLC
Wicked Delray Ghost Tours
Predator Services
Senior Express USA
Accents away
Rick's Custom Painting
Carol Lahy Fused Glass
341 Lofts, LLC
BSTP, Inc.
Eagle Yachts, Inc.
Emerald Coastkeeper
J&B Importers, Inc.
RE/MAX Preferred
SMA International, Inc.
Thomas Enterprises
Veritude

Florida

Chore Cheetah
Gulf Time Condos
Our Waterfront Paradise
Ambrose Services, Inc.
Treasure Trove
Hayley's Jet Ski & Boat Rental
Cocoa Beach Parasail
Alexander's Guesthouse
Gulf Realty
Englewood Beach & Yacht Club
Southern Palm B&B
Crazy Woman Kayaks LLC

Georgia

Woods Childcare
BrenMar Woodworking
Girl Dog Studio
Indigo Coastal Shanty
Circa 1875
Papillote
Mrs. Wilkes
Bull River Cruises

Treyler Park Savannah
Pane in the Glass
Spa Bleu
Brighter Day Natural Foods
Go Fish Clothing
King Enterprise Biz.
Coastal Kitchen
Southeast Adventures Outfitters
St. Simon's Beach & Surf
Beachview Books
Two Brothers Bike Shop
GoGo Jewelry
The Vicar's Wife
The Sentient Bean
Moon River Brewing
Savannah Bee
The Dunes
The Beverage Center
Kennedy Outfitters
Jere's Antiques

Massachusetts

Community of Travel
FritzTown Productions
BOUNDLESS Apparel
Slonina Photography
2-H FARM
Beachcomber
Donya Melanson Associates
Green Homes Carpet Cleaning
GreenEffects Building & Design
Multi Scopic Instruments, LLC
Patron Travel
RiverRun Media

Shawmut Design and Construction
Valley Designs Landscaping
Red Earth Farm
Above the Dunes Gift Shop
Kolbo Fine Judaica Gallery

Maryland

The Crab Claw Restaurant
Crab Alley
Inn at Horn Point
Heartworks Wellness
Pure Boardshop
Behavioral Consultations
J. Murphy Creative
Kite Loft
Jamie Agins Art Glass
Triumph Insurance
Mount Clare Museum House

North Carolina

Jordan's Seafood Restaurant
Waterbug Tours
The Cypress Moon Inn
Blue Water Point Motel and Marina
Hot Wax Surf Shop
Rittenmeyer & Associates LLC
Island Massage Day Spa
Ollie Raja Fishing Charters
Topsail Realty, Inc
Ocean Grill Tiki

Pleasure Island Rentals
Shuckin Shack Oyster Bar
Ashtanga Yoga Center
Pirates Cove Realty
Beach Treats
Pineapple Studios
Crystal Coast Cuisine
LeeWard Design & Advertising
Hooper Family Seafood
Blue Mainsail Inc, Daddy Mac's Beach Grille
Mainsail Restaurant
Erin Whittle Photography
Tip Top Frame
Pecan Tree Hospitality Inc.
Fat Pelican
Wanda Inn
Gary Schena Tax and Financial Services
Studio 12
Beaufort Trading Company
Burbridge & Wilson Restoration & Refit, Inc
Chinaberry Gifts
Handscapes Gallery
Sunset Slush of Crystal Coast
Secret Spot Surf Shop
The Spot
Frances Marian Photography
Hungry Town guidedTours
Ann Street Inn
Gilbert Counseling

Custom Audio
The Wreck
Cape Hatteras Kiteboarding
Making Waves
Outer Banks Counseling Service, LLC
Dr. Amy Hawkins, ND, Naturopathic Family Wellness
Mahanaim Adventures
Spinnakers Reach Realty Inc
Indo Jax Surf School
Fat Boys Seafood
Big Apple Cafe and Bakery
Carolina Beach Furniture
Island Ferry Adventures
Aussie Island Surf Shop
Ribeyes Steakhouse
Scuttlebutt
Innovation Renovation
Tierra Fina
Annex Surf Supply
Hardee, Hunt and Williams Real Estate
King Neptune Restaurant
Lighthouse Beer and Wine
South End Surf Shop
Surf City Surf Shop
Wrightsville Beach Art Company
Wrightsville Beach SUP
Crystal Coast Lady Cruises
Queen Anne's Revenge Restaurant
Sweetwater Surfshop
Two Wheeler Dealer

Keith Power Plumbing and Solar
Beaufort Pet Provisions
DOT Construction
Taylor's Creek Massage Bodyworks
The Loft
Wild About Nature OBX
Roanoke Island Animal Clinic
Café del Mar
Tower 7 Restaurant
Good Fortune Sail Charters
Kitty Hawk Kites
Nautilus Productions LLC
Banks Channel Pub and Grille
Buddy's Crab House and Oyster Bar
Hallelu
Samadhi Farm
Lagerheads
Ocean Atlantic Rentals
Addicted to the Bean
Sandpeddler Inn and Suites
Good Hops Brewing LLC
Blockade Runner Beach Resort
Outer Banks Yoga
Fasse Construction
South Beach Grill
Emerald Isle Beach & Pool Club
Emerald isle Beach Gear & Linens

The Emerald Club
Dr. Bogus.com
Cyberfishing & Crafts
Paul F. Getty, DDS
Carolina Paddle Board Company
Bay River Pottery
Wrightsville Beach Chamber of Commerce
Jessi Holland Hair Stylist
F3 Fitness LLC, Emerald Isle
South Swell Surf Shop
Aussie Island Surf Shop
Wrightsville Kayak Company
Crystal South Surf Camp
Outer Banks Hammocks
Shred the Gnar
Coastal Acupuncture & Massage
Emerald Isle Books
Playa Graphics
Reel Outdoors
Wrightsville Beach Scenic Tours
Mellow Mushroom-Wrightsville Beach
Meg Forward Designs
Georgia Mason Art
22 North
SurfBerry
WB Surf Camp
Leni Newell Studios
Cape Fear Paddleboarding
Diane Brown LPC
The Loggerhead Inn
Fagan Law Office

Projust, Ltd.
Cola Vaughan Realty
Waveriders Coffee and Deli
Flipperz Retail
Shark's Den Sports Bar
Carolina Wine Mixer
Flipperz Family Bar & Grill
Seagreen gallery
Barrier Island Kayaks
Duck Village Yoga
Day Five Art Gallery
Dairy Queen of Emerald Isle
Kelly Lynne Photography
Elly's Gift Shop
K & V 1 Stop Shop
Stir it Up Coffee Shop
Chances Are...Antiques & Uniques
Sweetspot Ice Cream & Gifts
Grandma's Toy Box
Turtle's Nest Gallery
Poppa's Candy Cupboard
Treehouse Memories
Spruill Farm Conservation Project
New Bridge Organic Market
Stellar Properties of the Outer Banks Inc.
BN Design
Clamdigger Inn and Restaurant
spinfinite designs
Blue Heron Gallery, Inc

New Bridge Organic Market
Flytrap Brewing
Glynne's Soaps
Dafni's Touch
Suite P Inc.
Beach House Consignment
Mike's Place Family Restaurant
Carteret Country Store
Chowdaheads
Jackie's American Grille
Emerald Isle Realty
Frisco Native American Museum and Natural History Center
Kite Hatteras
Harbor Deli
Radikal Kiteboarding
Rodanthe Watersports & Campground
Outer Banks Fishing Charters
Down to Earth
Katya Melvin LLC
STOLAT Fishing
Betsy's Crepes
The German Cafe
Reggae Hut
Painting with a Twist - Wilmington
Elsewhere Salon
Outer Banks Brewing Station

New Hampshire

Web Express

Saunders Technology Inc.

New Jersey

East House Antiques
Capt. Henry C. Toft
Citizens For A Clean Pompton Lakes
Granny Green's Green Machine
Heywood Consulting, Inc.
Joseph Brigandi Electrical Contractor
Linda Rossin Studios
SJO Global Enterprise LLC
Visiting Eyeglass Service
Wolfsong and Jonny
Donna Connor Photography
One Central Design
Communigraphics
Green Wave Paddling
Regarding Care, LLC
Plain Jane LLC
LindsayConstruction Company
D'licious Dinners
Kingpin Enterprises Painters and Home Improvements
Parillo International Enterprises
New Earth Beauty, LLC

Kitschy Things Ocean City, NJ
Tom's Bakery
Painter Tim Daly
Garden State Solar
Lang's Farm
Row2k media

Robert Kolodny & Associates
Synergy Hypnosis and NLP Services
The Voice Workshop
Winston Restaurant

Rhode Island

Ava Anderson Nontoxic

New York

Rentorations Ltd.
Canary Express
Agape House & Aom
Wilk Auslander LLP
Downtown Variety
Domani salon
Studiosmith
Westwood Metes & Bounds Realty, Ltd.
Carlin America, Inc.
S. Goldman Inc.
Wordcraft & Graphics Unlimited
CHAZIN Associates
Ritchie Corp.
BufferedBrain
Genda Video LTD
Power control Technologies
Arch Fiberglass Corp.
Biegun Inc. Photography
Daniel Castro Photography
Judith Ravnitzky Antiques
Kathleen Goodwin Interiors
Melody Lanes LLC
Morrison Cohen LLP

South Carolina

Walsh Krowka & Associates, Inc. - Architects & Landscape Architects.
Island Inspired Inc.
Homegrown Brewhouse
Bluffton Oyster Co.
Island Thyme Catering
Sea Biscuit Cafe

Virginia

Gull Computing
Davenport-Unger Enterprises
Heritage Rentals LLC
Mary's Custom Quilts
Massage by Marcia