

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chair, Natural Resources Committee
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20215

Dear Chairman Westerman,

On behalf of the Gulf Energy Alliance (GEA) and its members, we applaud your leadership to bolster domestic production of oil and gas in the U.S. Gulf of America with the inclusion of an additional 30 lease sales in the House Natural Resources Committee's Budget Reconciliation package ("Reconciliation Package"). As you well know, having timely and predictable lease sales is important for the success of our nation's offshore industry. The GEA strongly supports Congressionally mandated lease sales to end the lurching effect this industry felt under the Biden Administration from little to no lease sales being offered. The Reconciliation Package is a necessary reversal of the destructive policies of the prior administration and will allow the country to claim its destiny of energy dominance.

Finding new oil and gas is a highly prospective venture. Whether companies are looking for new discoveries or want to incorporate new lease blocks into existing projects, offshore producers require new acreage to ensure continued production. To obtain acreage, offshore oil and gas producers need regularly scheduled lease sales and this legislation recognizes that sustained production from the Gulf of America is vital for energy security, energy independence and ensuring that the oil and gas that is produced in the world is produced with the lowest carbon footprint.

Thank you for your leadership to ensure the U.S. maintains its energy dominance to supply oil and natural gas for Americans, and for the rest of the world. The GEA looks forward to this legislation becoming law and working with you in the future to ensure we have a robust offshore energy industry for decades to come.

We stand by to assist your important efforts.

Sincerely,



Kevin Bruce
Executive Director