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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources
United States House of Representatives
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman:

On behalf of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association (LMOGA), I write to express our strong support for the **House Committee on Natural Resources Reconciliation Provisions**, particularly the measures focused on offshore oil and gas lease sales and the streamlining of the federal permitting process.

Established in 1923, LMOGA represents all sectors of the oil and gas industry in Louisiana and across the Gulf of America. The offshore oil and gas industry is a cornerstone of America's energy future, and nowhere is this more evident than in the Gulf of America, where Louisiana plays a critical leadership role.

The Committee's proposed actions to mandate regular offshore lease sales and establish a more predictable and expedited federal permitting process are vital steps toward strengthening American energy security, creating high-paying jobs, and generating significant revenue for the federal government.

Mandating offshore lease sales provides the long-term certainty that the offshore industry needs to invest in major energy projects, knowing that access to resources will be available and regulatory processes will be clear and reliable. A stable leasing framework also drives federal revenues through bonus bids, rentals, and royalties, providing critical funding for national priorities while reinforcing energy independence. Additionally, this activity sustains tens of thousands of jobs, directly and indirectly, many of which are located in Louisiana and other Gulf Coast states that rely heavily on offshore energy production to support their economies and coastal communities.

Furthermore, your efforts to streamline the federal permitting process — including firm deadlines for environmental reviews and protections against frivolous litigation — will enhance



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operational certainty, reduce unnecessary delays, and ensure that American energy projects can move forward efficiently while maintaining environmental stewardship.

These provisions are not just sound energy policy; they represent a common-sense, future-focused approach that will reinvigorate the U.S. offshore sector, catalyze private investment, strengthen our economy, and bolster our national security.

LMOGA thanks the Committee for its leadership in advancing policies that recognize the critical role of offshore energy development. We look forward to working together to unleash the full potential of American energy resources, create jobs, and secure a stronger economic future for all Americans.

Sincerely,



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