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Subject: NOIA Support for House Natural Resources Reconciliation Package

Chairman Westerman,

Thank you for your leadership in introducing and advancing the reconciliation package for the House Natural Resources Committee. The bill is a game-changer for offshore energy, delivering regulatory certainty, responsive royalty rates, and a robust schedule of 30 Gulf of America lease sales over 15 years. By streamlining permitting, protecting key lease sales, and fostering operational efficiency, this legislation strengthens America's energy security, supports high-paying jobs, and ensures our nation remains a global energy leader. NOIA proudly supports this forward-thinking approach.

Regular, mandated lease sales in the Gulf of America are essential to maintaining energy security, driving investment, and sustaining the hundreds of thousands of jobs supported by the offshore energy sector. By restoring consistency to the leasing process, this bill provides much-needed certainty for businesses making long-term investment decisions. Moreover, including six lease sales in the Cook Inlet Planning Area further demonstrates a commitment to expanding access to energy-rich regions.

The bill also includes flexible royalty rates to keep the U.S. competitive while ensuring a fair return for taxpayers. It addresses policy challenges by clarifying NEPA obligations, which will reduce bureaucratic delays while preserving environmental protections. Likewise enabling commingling of production will further strengthen the offshore energy sector. And updating GOMESA revenue sharing will ensure coastal states benefit from the energy they help produce.

The bill supports a robust offshore energy future that will enable energy, economic growth, employment, and national security for the nation. NOIA stands ready to work with you, the committee, and Congress to advance policies that reinforce America's leadership in safe and reliable energy production.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Milito", is written in a cursive style.

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