



# AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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*President*

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Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

**On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), I am writing to thank you for repealing the 17-year executive ban on offshore oil drilling.**

We recognize and appreciate your public support for increasing domestic oil production through offshore oil drilling. By repealing this executive order, enacted during a time of low energy costs, you have sent a constructive message to Congress and the American people that Republicans are taking action to lower energy prices, while Democratic policies will only serve to increase prices through higher taxes.

The American people have clearly expressed their bipartisan support for lifting the federal ban. It is time for Congress to follow the views of the American people, to represent them, and to help ease the financial burden placed upon them by rising energy costs.

**If the United States is serious about lowering energy prices and reducing our dependence on foreign oil, we must look domestically. Thank you for leading the way.**

Onward,

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