



AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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President

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Representative Jeb Hensarling
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Dear Representative Hensarling,

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), I am writing to congratulate you for obtaining the support of sufficient House Members to sustain a Presidential veto of any bills that extend the moratorium on Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) drilling.

As you know, Congress must renew the OCS ban each year in the federal budget, set to expire at midnight September, 30, 2008. We know that Congressional Democrats would like nothing more than to sneak through a continued moratorium on OCS drilling by passing a continuing resolution during the next three weeks.

Despite overwhelming public support for renewed drilling to boost supply, reduced dependence on foreign oil and lower prices, there remain those in **both** chambers of Congress beholden to special interests.

The current proposed solution to our current energy crisis seems to consist solely of doling out federal dollars to support alternative energy research and implementation. However, we know that while some of these alternative energy solutions show great promise for the decades to come, none of these will replace our economy's present and near future reliance on oil and gas. With new environmentally safe methods of taking advantage of our oil and gas resources, there is no reason why we should not drill now while removing barriers to future alternative energy solutions.

In this time of increased oil prices and an ever-growing demand for natural resources, Congress must act to increase our nation's energy supply. Once again we congratulate you on your efforts and urge all Members to join you in ending the moratorium on OCS drilling.

Onward,

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cc: U.S. House & Senate Members