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The Honorable Chairman Obey
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Dear Chairman Obey,

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform and all taxpaying energy consumers nationwide, I would like to thank you for dropping a new ban on Offshore Continental Shelf (OCS) drilling from the year-end spending package.

However, there is still much work to be done to ensure consumers can reap these benefits as soon as possible. I urge you to consider expedited leasing legislation, state revenue sharing programs, and policies that prevent egregious lawsuits from interfering with increased exploration.

In order for these efforts to be effective, and to allow lifting the OCS ban to have the greatest and immediate effect, expediting domestic energy production is the first step. Therefore, I urge you to support any legislative efforts in the coming weeks that will allow for these necessary steps.

Thank you again for leading your colleagues in removing a new ban on offshore drilling from the spending package.

Onward,

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