

November 20, 2019

Congressman Clay Higgins
424 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Higgins,

On behalf of the members of the Gulf Energy Alliance, I wanted to thank you for all of your efforts to ensure that important Department of the Interior financial assurance regulations impacting the Gulf of Mexico offshore oil and gas sector will take into account the input of active industry participants who together provide a great deal of investment, local jobs, and energy production, as well as significant tax and royalty revenue for Louisiana and for the Federal government.

We also appreciate the efforts of Ward Cormier of your staff who has been instrumental in working with the Department of the Interior on this effort.

As a result of your efforts, we understand that the Department of the Interior has recently submitted the proposed regulations to the Office of Management and Budget at the White House. We are hopeful that the final regulations will reflect your efforts and will help to provide a regulatory framework that enables the Gulf of Mexico offshore oil and gas industry to remain a strong contributor to the Louisiana economy and to America's continued position as a leading energy producer and an energy-independent Nation.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on this vitally important issue.

Sincerely,



Kevin Bruce