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Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

President Biden,

The Department of Interior's recently released five-year offshore leasing plan is a direct assault on American industry, national security, and the well-being of the citizens we serve. I strongly urge your administration to reverse course and embrace an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

The plan announced today contains significant measures that restrict our ability to provide clean, affordable, reliable energy to the American people. It represents the further weaponization of the federal government against the oil and gas industry and sets the stage for escalating energy costs that will burden American families and workers. Your administration's Green New Deal policies are pushing energy development out of the United States and increasing our reliance on foreign energy suppliers. This jeopardizes our national security and energy independence. Our current trajectory is unsustainable.

In Louisiana, the offshore oil and gas industry is vital and supports economic prosperity for the entire country. Your proposed policies directly threaten American interests. I advise you to immediately retract your anti-American energy leasing plan. A comprehensive, all-of-the-above strategy that includes responsible development of our energy resources is crucial for America's economic success.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress