

October 18, 2021

Dear California Residents:

We, the undersigned, commit to supporting and championing legislation that would end ALL offshore oil drilling off the coast of California, including a federal moratorium on new offshore oil leases, but also ending all drilling and production performed under current leases in both state and federal waters.

The recent Huntington Beach Oil Spill underscores the constant risk that offshore drilling poses to California's environment and economy. Our beautiful beaches and coastal ecosystems are famous throughout the world, and draw over 150 million visitors each year, facilitating a \$44 billion coastal economy that employs over half a million Californians. The economic impacts of the Orange County oil spill are likely to be significant and to last for some time. The economic benefits of offshore drilling are miniscule by comparison. In fact, oil drilling in the Pacific produces less than 1/10th of 1% of all U.S. oil production.

While we all support a moratorium on new leases issued for offshore drilling in federal waters, the fact is that this would not have prevented the Huntington Beach Oil Spill, nor would it have prevented any of the major oil spills that have occurred off California's shores over the last 40 years, as there has not been a new lease for offshore drilling in California state waters since 1969, and there has not been a new lease issued for drilling in federal waters near California since the early 1980s. To stop oil spills, we must go further and end ALL drilling and extraction off the coast of California, including under existing leases where the oil industry leaves the public liable for their cleanup, closure, and remediation costs.

That is why we have signed this letter, as a public showing of our commitment to end all offshore oil drilling now, including under existing leases. We pledge to do all we can to support and champion legislation, regulation and enforcement that would accomplish these goals in a just and equitable way.

Sincerely,



Senator Dave Min



Senator Ben Allen



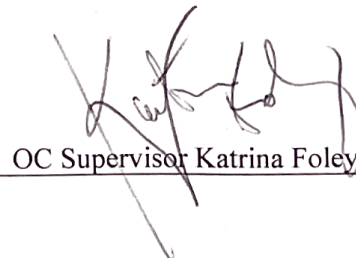
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