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Ms. Kelly Hammerle
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Submitted via: Regulations.gov

RE: Request for comments on the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program (Docket ID: BOEM-2025-0483)

January 23, 2026

Dear Ms. Hammerle:

The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Governors Coalition is pleased to submit comments on the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program. The Draft Proposed Program (DPP) will bolster our nation's energy supply through new and expanded planning areas, consistent lease sales, and development of oil and gas resources.

The OCS Governors Coalition was created by governors from coastal states in May 2011 to promote a constructive dialogue on OCS energy-resource planning and development between coastal state governors and federal policy makers. The nonpartisan group of governors supports policies that encourage a safe, responsible expansion of offshore oil, natural gas, and other energy development to the benefit of the nation, our states, and our citizens.

The Alaska region, Pacific regions, and Gulf of America leasing areas have the potential to unlock a vast amount of resources that could power homes, decrease prices at the pump, and stabilize investments in the United States economy. In 2025, it was estimated that about 29.6 billion barrels of oil and 54.8 trillion cubic feet of gas are in the Gulf of America¹, by unleashing these resources it would provide better energy security for American families. To put that in perspective, that much oil could provide roughly 4.7 million homes with reliable energy and does not even account for the power that can be generated by the available natural gas. Access to this amount of power would ensure our states were powered tenfold, and that supply could be distributed to the entirety of the U.S.

As state executives, our principal role in the OCS Governors Coalition is to consider the opportunities and challenges of offshore energy development and coastal management in order to appropriately balance the health and safety of our citizens and coastal resources with economic prospects. Over the past several years, the lack of consistent and predictable offshore oil and gas leases sales have been a

¹ Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, "Interior Advances American Offshore Energy Dominance with First Lease Sale Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act," *Bureau of Ocean Energy Management*, <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/energy-dominance-first-lease-sale-one-big>.

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hindrance in our state economies given the crucial role offshore energy development plays. In contrast, the Draft Proposed Program offers the certainty that our economies and industry needs. We believe the current and expanded areas in the Draft Proposed Program will lead to a more prosperous and secure future for our citizens.

The 11th National Oil and Gas Leasing Program will unleash American energy, support and create jobs, and benefit the lives of consumers in coastal states and beyond. Untapped energy sources are needed now more than ever and there must be positive change to positively impact American people.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer these comments and urge the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to finalize a program that fully takes advantage of all possible lease sales to meet growing energy demands.

Sincerely,

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