



November 28, 2017

South Carolina House of Representatives  
Off-Shore Drilling Ad Hoc Committee  
Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina, 29201

Dear Chairman Hixon and other members of the Off Shore Drilling Committee:

South Carolina's business community and the SC Chamber have long supported policies that promote energy independence and a robust supply of affordable energy that makes industry in our state more competitive. Obtaining a modern review of the resource potential off the Atlantic coast using the most current and safe seismic technology is a responsible next step to determining the most prudent path forward.

We are sensitive to the concerns about coastal tourism and potential impacts to the environment if exploration in the Atlantic were to go forward, but opposing now without doing the due diligence and knowing what the options are would be irresponsible. All indications are that testing and analysis will take place with or without us, and South Carolina needs a seat at the table when it comes to assessing and studying what natural resources lie off of our coast.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ted Pitts". The signature is stylized and fluid.

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