

September 29, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I am a lifetime resident of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina and have been in the retail hardware business here in my hometown for 40 years.

We have seen very dramatic growth in our community over the last 25 years, mostly good growth. Growth in quality housing, parks, recreation and clean industry.

The Charleston area has been voted at the top of the list for quality tourism. Many people, public and private, have worked very hard to ensure we keep this area clean and attractive to families, tourists and businesses. What we have is working well! In fact, most of the South Carolina coast has maintained this agenda of clean growth!

Governor Haley, why should we risk marring or even destroying this with oil wells off our coast?

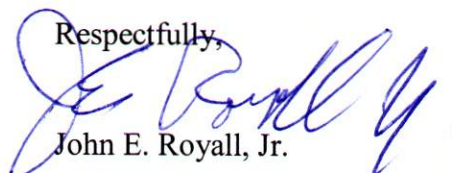
I recently attended a meeting concerning the off-shore drilling. Three important points:

- The value of present tourism and recreation is far greater than the value of the oil. (Oil and gas are cheap!)
- The detrimental effect of the on shore infrastructure necessary for oil industry.
- The power of oil industry lobbies once they get their foot in the door. Big money rules!

Governor Haley, I would like to think that just because you are Republican you don't have to march in time. You don't have to check off that box that says "Off Shore Drilling – YES"! After much thought and study Mark Sanford changed his vote. People of good will need to do what is right to preserve the life style of the coastal region. The Northern coastal states have said NO.

There is far too much at stake! The risk is too great! Please vote NO on the 5 year plan.

Respectfully,



John E. Royall, Jr.