The Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska (Chair)
The Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor of Louisiana
The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas
The Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor of Mississippi
The Honorable Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama
The Honorable Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina
The Honorable Robert McDonnell, Governor of Virginia
The Honorable Pat McCrory, Governor of North Carolina

June 25, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner   The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House   House Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives   U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515   Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi,

On behalf of the members of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Governors Coalition, I am writing to you in support of H.R. 2231, the Offshore Energy and Jobs Act, and H.R. 1613, the Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act. I understand that the House of Representatives will vote on these bills in the near future. These pieces of legislation advance the policy goals of the OCS Governors Coalition, namely expanding areas available for offshore energy development, and expanding OCS revenue sharing.

In particular, the Offshore Energy and Jobs Bill requires the Obama Administration to open new areas in the OCS for energy production by mandating a new OCS lease plan by 2015, conduct additional lease sales off the west and east coasts, and expand OCS revenue sharing beyond the Gulf Coast states. The Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act formally authorizes new oil and gas exploration and development along the United States-Mexico maritime border in the Gulf of Mexico.

The governors who are members of this coalition look forward to the enactment of these important pieces of legislation.

Regards,

Sean Parnell
Governor of Alaska
Chair, Outer Continental Shelf Governors Coalition