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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley and members of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Governors Coalition – including Gov. Sean Parnell (AK), Gov. Rick Perry (TX), Gov. Phil Bryant (MS), Gov. Robert Bentley (AL), and Gov. Pat McCrory (N.C.) – today discussed the importance of offshore drilling to job creation and economic growth during an event sponsored by the Consumer Energy Alliance at the Offshore Technology Conference.

“Expanding access to affordable energy through offshore drilling is all about jobs,” said Gov. Haley. “It’s time for the federal government to partner with governors, who are focused on creating jobs in the states, to make energy more affordable for families and businesses – we can accomplish this and protect our rich natural resources along the east coast.”

Since its formation in 2011, the OCS Governors Coalition has advocated for energy expansion through safe and responsible resource development, and has supported proactive offshore energy production as part of a comprehensive national energy policy. The coalition provides a discussion and policy platform for offshore energy issues shared by the coastal states and the federal government.

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