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**Offshore Development Benefits the
Economy, National Security, and Even
Landlocked States**

Dear Kevin,

Webb and Nicholson write that the United States is one of the only countries along the Atlantic that's not actively exploring for energy in those waters. They point out that Mexico has leased more than 20 million new acres on its side of the Gulf of Mexico in the past four years, bringing its total to more than 30 million acres – more than double that of the [United States' 14.7 million](#).

Realizing America's offshore potential begins with decisions made today. It can take [seven or more years to develop natural gas and oil offshore](#). That's why the current process to establish a leasing plan for 2019-2024 is so important.

As federal officials develop the new offshore leasing program, they should consider the great opportunity at hand to support energy and economic opportunity with a robust offshore blueprint for the future, one that makes our country stronger, more prosperous and secure.

On a personal note, this will be my final weekly update as CEO of API. Beginning next week you will hear from our incoming chief executive, Mike Sommers. Be sure to look for his emails to stay up to date on the energy issues affecting our nation.

Sincerely,

Jack Gerard
President and CEO
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Tariffs Threaten Energy, Manufacturing Renaissances

Tariffs and quotas on imported steel imposed by the Trump administration are self-inflicted potholes on the path to the administration's goal of U.S. "energy dominance." [Get details on the impacts to multiple industries, and to consumers](#), in API's joint op-ed with the American Chemistry Council and the American Association of Railroads.



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