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The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies – representing more than 5,000 companies and nearly half a million employees working to enhance America’s civil and industrial infrastructure – we are writing to encourage a speedy end to the moratorium on drilling in the deepwater Outer Continental Shelf. We believe that you should lift the ban after an expedited examination of the 33 idled deep water rigs to assure their integrity. The economic harm of the moratorium to the Gulf region, our nation and our industry manifests itself in the loss of vital domestic energy production and tens of thousands of jobs at a time when our economy can least afford it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Raymond", is written below the word "Sincerely,".