

June 7, 2010

The Honorable Kathy Castor  
**ATTN: Faith Grant**  
United States House of Representatives  
317 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Castor:

On behalf of thousands of members and supporters throughout Florida and the Southeastern United States, I write to applaud your leadership in co-sponsoring H.R. 5248, the 'No New Drilling Act of 2010.'

We are hopeful that the bill you just introduced with Representatives Pallone and Garamendi will be a legislative pathway to permanently protect much of our oceans, beaches and coastal economies from the harmful impacts of offshore drilling.

Already the largest environmental catastrophe on record, the ongoing BP Offshore Drilling Disaster continues to re-enforce the fact that offshore drilling is dangerous and has the potential to wreak havoc on our oceans and our fragile Southeastern coasts.

The oil gushing in the Gulf is an ever-present reminder that offshore oil and gas drilling is a danger to the environment and the livelihoods of people who rely on healthy oceans and coasts. We remain grateful for your commitment to a clean, renewable energy economy and for your leadership in pointing the way.

Gratefully yours,



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