



Louisiana Oil & Gas Association
Don G. Briggs, President

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Dear Members of the EPW Committee:

We have just received a copy of Chairwoman Boxer's second amendment to S. 3305. This poison pill amendment seeks to end offshore drilling by mandating truly unachievable regulations on the offshore oil industry.

We write you today to state our adamant opposition to this amendment as it amounts to a permanent moratorium on deepwater drilling in the United States. We strongly believe we must learn from the mistakes of the Deepwater Horizon incident to ensure safe and effective offshore drilling. However, offshore jobs are critical to the economic success of Louisiana, the Gulf Coast and the energy independence of America.

Senator Boxer's second amendment would impose a permanent moratorium on deepwater drilling in the United States and kill tens of thousands of jobs.

The language imposes unachievable mandates because the mandates are undefined. The uncertainty associated with these undefined mandates, and the amendment in its entirety, present insurmountable obstacles for the oil industry to operate.

We strongly urge you to vote against this permanent moratorium and pursue more reasonable legislation that promotes safe and effective drilling practices.

Sincerely,

DON G. BRIGGS
President