



## WYOMING HOUSE DISTRICT 54

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Dear Ms. Hammerle,

As a member of the Wyoming Legislature and assigned to the Minerals, Business, & Economic Development Committee, I try to keep abreast of issues globally and nationally that will impact our state's minerals industry and our state's business climate.

It is my opinion that in order to avoid the historic fluctuations in the oil and gas market, and maintain long-term stability in the oil and gas industry it is critical that access to these resources are made available for extraction across the lands of this nation and as well in the waters that are also controlled by our government. With this ideal, I would strongly encourage you to include all 29 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) planning areas in the development of the Draft Proposed Program for the federal government's 2017-2022 offshore oil and gas leasing program.

I think the development of the tight shale oil and gas resources in the continental U.S. has demonstrated how access and development can establish a stable market for the consumer, and as well for the investor. This stability has fueled what economic recovery the United States had in recent years, and it has provided our nation with the resources to avoid price manipulation at the hands of other energy producing nations, which has in the past placed an economic burden on the citizens of this state and our country.

Federal estimates on the reserves in the Outer Continental Shelf are significant, yet some parcels are currently prohibited from development in part and some are prohibited entirely. Inclusion of all 26 planning areas is critical as we continue to develop the future of our nation.

Sincerely,

Representative Lloyd Charles Larsen

