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## LATTA APPLAUDS ENERGY FREEDOM DAY

WASHINGTON- In response to the current offshore drilling ban set to expire today, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement:

"By letting the offshore drilling moratorium expire today, Democrat Congressional Leadership is finally acknowledging the will of the American public. For months, House Republicans and the American public have called for a comprehensive energy plan that includes offshore drilling, opening ANWR, nuclear, clean coal, hydro, and alternative energy. It is essential that we have energy to meet our citizens and business needs.

With the ban expiring today, Congress must act now to pass an "all of the above" energy plan that is long overdue. We are in a position to make the United States energy independent and the time to act is now."

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Congressman Robert Latta was elected in a special election in 2007 to serve Ohio's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. He is a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, in addition to serving on the House Energy Action Team (H.E.A.T). Congressman Latta previously served as a member of the Ohio General Assembly and as a Wood County Commissioner.