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**Over 80 Groups Support Passage of  
Flores Amendment**

May 9, 2012

Dear Colleague,

Over 80 groups across a spectrum of sectors including agriculture, fishing, construction, manufacturing, mining, oil and natural gas, and renewable energy, have come together to support Representative Flores' (TX-17) amendment to prohibit funding for the implementation of President Obama's National Ocean Policy. These industries support tens of millions of jobs and contribute trillions of dollars to the U.S. economy.

The Flores amendment will allow Congress to hit the pause button on funding until the true job and economic impacts of this policy are known.

I strongly encourage you to support the Flores Amendment to H.R. 5326. Please contact Dave Whaley ([dave.whaley@mail.house.gov](mailto:dave.whaley@mail.house.gov)) with the Natural Resources Committee at 6-0200 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Doc Hastings  
Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee

**Groups Supporting Passage of Flores Amendment:**

Agricultural Retailers Association  
Alaska Crab Coalition  
Alaska Miners Association  
Alaska Groundfish Data Bank  
Alaska Oil and Gas Association  
Alaska State Chamber of Commerce  
Alaska Support Industry Alliance  
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association  
American Alliance of Fishermen and their Communities  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Forest & Paper Association

American Loggers Council  
American Petroleum Institute  
At-sea Processors Association  
California Wetfish Producers Association  
Connecticut Commercial Lobstermen's Association  
Consumer Energy Alliance  
Crab Group of Independent Harvesters  
CropLife America  
Destin Charter Boat Association  
Diving Equipment and Marketing Association  
Florida Keys Commercial Fishermen's Association  
Forest Landowners Association  
Freezer Longline Coalition  
Garden State Seafood Association (NJ)  
Grand Strand Fishing Alliance  
Gulf Economic Survival Team  
Hispanic Leadership Fund  
Independent Petroleum Association of America  
Institute for 21st Century Energy  
International Association of Drilling Contractors  
International Association of Geophysical Contractors  
LA 1 Coalition  
Long Island Commercial Fishing Association  
Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association  
Louisiana Trade Consultants  
Mexico Beach Charters  
Montauk Inlet Seafood  
National Agricultural Aviation Association  
National Association of Charterboat Operators  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Fisheries Institute  
National Ocean Industries Association  
National Ocean Policy Coalition  
National Onion Association  
New Bedford Seafood Coalition  
New York Sportfishing Federation  
Northern Gas Pipelines  
Northwest Mining Association  
Offshore Marine Service Association  
Offshore Mariners Wives Association  
Organized Fishermen of Florida  
Pacific Seafood Processors Association  
Panama City Boatmen Association  
Public Lands Council

Recreational Fishing Alliance  
Recreational Fishing Alliance-Forgotten Coast Chapter  
Recreational Fishing Alliance-Georgia Chapter  
Recreational Fishing Alliance-Oregon Chapter  
Recreational Fishing Alliance-South Carolina Chapter  
Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.  
60 Plus Association  
Shallow Water Energy Security Coalition  
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council  
Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration  
Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance  
Southeastern Fisheries Association (FL)  
Southern Kingfish Association, LLC  
Southern New England Fishermen's and Lobstermen's Association, Inc.  
Southern Offshore Fishing Association (FL)  
The Fertilizer Institute  
United Catcher Boats  
United Fishermen of Alaska  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
US Oil and Gas Association  
Virginia Charter Boat Association  
West Coast Seafood Processors Association  
Western Business Roundtable  
Western Energy Alliance