When the man pictured below says a requirement of the offshore drilling industry is necessary, people should listen.



SUPPORT OIL & GAS WORKERS VOTE NO ON THE OLSON AMENDMENT

Dear Colleague:

The most valuable resource in the Gulf of Mexico is not the oil and gas underneath the waters; it is the men and women willing to risk their lives to extract America's energy. We owe it to these brave men and women to do all we can to ensure they return home to their families. For this reason, I urge you to oppose the Olson Amendment.

Since the *DEEPWATER HORIZON* tragedy took the lives of 11 of our fellow citizens, no less than seven government studies have been completed on this disaster, many of which have recommended mandating a standby vessel be near all offshore drilling facilities. Our workers do not need another study, they need action; they need the Olson Amendment to be defeated.

To date, Congress has not passed into law a single piece of legislation to improve the safety of our offshore workers. Instead, we have allowed unelected bureaucrats to take the lead. It is time for us to stand up and apply the lessons of the *DEEPWATER HORIZON*. It is time to guarantee that the commitment made by those who provide us the oil and gas we use are met by an equal commitment that when in need there will always be a vessel there to bring them to safety.

No one supports our domestic offshore drilling industry more than I do. However, I cannot and will not allow our domestic drilling workers to continue to go without a protection that is mandated the world over. Now is the time for this Congress to support the standby vessel requirement found in Section 608 of H.R. 2838 and defeat the Olson Amendment.

The people of the Gulf Coast and I thank you in advance for your support.

Respectfully,

Member of Congress