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House of Representatives
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The Honorable James A. Watson
Director
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
1849 C Street, NW
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Dear Director Watson:

Following a review of your remarks at the recent Offshore Technology Conference, I applaud you for recognizing the MR. CHARLIE rig as a unique and realistic training tool for personnel and oil and gas workers. Considering our shared support of this asset, I cordially invite you to tour the MR. CHARLIE with me at your earliest convenience.


Having grown up in a community immersed in the oil and gas industry, I learned at a young age, our most valuable natural resource is the hardworking men and women who ply their trade developing our energy. As such, I am constantly searching for ways to enhance the safety of our offshore workers and have found the MR. CHARLIE, and the close approximation to real life conditions it provides, to be a very useful training platform.

The training provided by this asset is most constructive for those with limited knowledge of the working of an offshore drilling facility. As such, this rig serves as an invaluable resource to those just beginning their offshore career and BSEE employees charged with inspecting offshore facilities. Employing the MR. CHARLIE in this manner will serve as integral step towards securing safe and abundant energy development in the Gulf of Mexico.

I appreciate your leadership in fostering the development of innovative technology in the offshore oil and gas industry. Innovation keeps our industry safe and productive. I consider strong leaders to be most effective when they have experienced the challenges and successes of the organization which they lead. I hope you will accept my invitation to witness a small but important piece of our offshore oil and gas industry.

Thank you for your consideration of my invitation. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,


JEFF LANDRY
Member of Congress