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Dear Governors:

I have reviewed with interest your press release announcing the formation of an Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Governor's Coalition with the stated purpose of promoting a constructive dialogue between the coastal state governors and the federal government regarding energy production. As the elected leaders of your states, you understandably have a strong interest in offshore exploration and production. Although many opportunities for your participation in federal decision-making on offshore activities already exist, the press release suggests you would now like to do so as a coalition of governors. As always, my door is open to you, both as individual governors of your states or as a coalition, to discuss offshore energy issues.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) values comments and input from the states and other stakeholders regarding offshore energy development. That has been true historically, and has especially been true in recent months. For example, I meet on a regular basis with Governor Jindal's designated representative on offshore issues, Louisiana Secretary of Natural Resources Scott Angelle, to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern with Secretary Angelle and the members of the Back to Work Coalition he helped form. That has been a forum that has been constructive and helpful to industry, Louisiana state officials, and the federal government. My hope is that we engage with your Coalition in a similarly constructive way.

I hope you will accept my invitation to meet with me in Washington – as early as next week – to discuss responsible energy development on the OCS.

Very truly yours,

Michael R. Bromwich
Director