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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Joe Manchin
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Bill Cassidy
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RE: Revenues from On-Shore and Outer Continental Shelf Drilling

Dear Chairman Murkowski, Ranking Member Barrasso, and Senator Cassidy:

On behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures, the bipartisan organization representing the legislatures of our nation's states, commonwealths and territories, we applaud Senator Cassidy's introduction of S.2418, the "Conservation of America's Shoreline Terrain and Aquatic Life Act." While NCSL does not support or oppose additional exploration or production on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), the nation's legislatures do support equitable revenue sharing, should exploration occur.

NCSL supports amending the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act to ensure that states obtain an increased amount of revenue share. NCSL urges Congress to authorize and appropriate 50% of OCS revenues to states; such revenues should be in addition to, and not replace other federal funding programs. It is also vital that state legislatures participate in the appropriation of these funds as they possess valuable knowledge of their respective state's natural resource priorities.

NCSL looks forward to working with you as this legislation moves through Congress to ensure states receive an equitable share of the revenue from energy produced in their waters. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact NCSL staff Kristen Hildreth (202-624-3597 or kristen.hildreth@ncsl.org) or Ben Husch (202-624-7779 or ben.husch@ncsl.org).

Sincerely,

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