Sanctuary Advisory Council
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Daniel J. Basta
Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
1305 East West Highway
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Dear Mr. Basta:

At the December 12, 2008 Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council meeting, the council passed a resolution in support of protections from offshore oil drilling in the MBNMS.

This resolution requests that the Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries communicate to Congress and President Elect Obama the critical need to immediately reinstate the legislative moratorium on offshore oil and gas leases for the Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

Sincerely,

Chris Harrold
Advisory Council Chair