

**ALASKA OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION STATEMENT  
TO HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
ON HJR 26, OFFSHORE OIL & GAS REVENUE SHARING**

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Thank you Chair Saddler, Chair Feige and members of the committee for the opportunity to testify today. For the record, my name is Sarah Erkmann. I am the external affairs manager for the Alaska Oil and Gas Association. In short, the Alaska Oil and Gas Association, or AOGA, supports House Joint Resolution 26. AOGA is the business trade organization representing the majority of oil and gas producers, explorers, refiners, transporters and marketers in Alaska. With 15 member companies, we represent both large and small companies with interests on the North Slope, in the Cook Inlet and in the Offshore.

We appreciate the focus on developing our offshore resources in a way that recognizes Alaskans' interest in advancing the issue, because the Offshore is what we call the "next generation" of oil and gas development in Alaska; with more than 27 billion barrels of oil to produce, it is truly a world-class resource.

AOGA can say at a high level that we support an OCS revenue sharing program as long as additional costs are not passed on to the offshore oil and gas industry in the form of bonuses, rents or royalties.

We appreciate the Representatives' effort to keep the Offshore Revenue Sharing idea alive at the federal level, as well as those of our Congressional delegation, which has made similar efforts on the national level.

Thank you again for the opportunity testify today.