We, the undersigned Maine businesses, strongly oppose the Department of Interior's proposal for offshore oil and gas drilling and seismic exploration in Maine waters. We urge you in the strongest terms to remove Maine waters from this proposal.

Offshore drilling will not benefit Maine, and the risks to our economy could be incalculable. Maine's coastal tourism, commercial fishing, aquaculture, and real estate sectors depend on clean and healthy waters.

As stated in a January 8, 2018 letter from Maine Senators Susan Collins and Angus King to you: "we believe the potential harm posed by oil and gas exploration and development off Maine's shores far outweighs any potential benefit."

Please remove Maine waters from this plan. Maine businesses have too much to lose and nothing to gain from a plan that would expose our shores, businesses, and communities to the damage that could be caused by oil spills in Maine waters.

Sincerely,

Bailey Island Motel, Bailey Island Chase's Family Restaurant, Bangor Acacia House Inn, Bar Harbor Acadia Gardens, LLC, Bar Harbor Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Bar Harbor Bar Harbor Whale Watch, Bar Harbor Bayview Cottages Vacation Homes, Bar Harbor Belle Cottage Rental, Bar Harbor Coastal Maine Realty, Bar Harbor House Wine, Bar Harbor Law Office of Margaret T. Jeffery, Bar Harbor Lulu Lobster Boat Ride, Bar Harbor Mira Monte Inc. Mira Monte Inn & Suites, Bar Harbor Mount Desert Island Ice Cream, Bar Harbor Rapkievian Fine Violins, Bar Harbor Ryan Estate Rentals, Bar Harbor The Chart Room Restaurant, Bar Harbor Williams Law Office, Bar Harbor Blue Eden LLC, Bar Harbor Brightholme, Bar Harbor Downeast Sailing Adventures, LLC, Bar Harbor Periwinkle Cottage LLC, Bar Harbor The Inn at Bath, Bath Belfast Breeze ainn, Belfast

Belfast Clay Studio, Belfast Belfast Co-op, Belfast

Coyote Moon, Belfast Easterly Wine LLC, Belfast

G O Logic LLC, Belfast

Nautilus Seafood & Grill, Belfast

PsySoma Therapies, Belfast

The Green Store, Belfast

Pine Island Camp, Belgrade Lakes

Cynthia Howard Architect & Preservation Planner, Biddeford

Maine Coast Roast, LLC, Biddeford

Blue Hill Food Co-op, Blue Hill

Blue Hill Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Blue Hill

Lewis Construction, Boothbay

Back Bay Cottage, Boothbay Harbor

Black Harbor Financial, Boothbay Harbor

Fishermans Wharf Inn, Boothbay Harbor

Heliotropic Technologies, P.A., Boothbay Harbor

Downeast Candies, Boothbay Harbor

Pier 1 Pizza, Boothbay Harbor

Grant and Son Art and Antiques, Bremen

Maine Sea Farms, Bristol

Pemaguid Mussel Farms, Bristol

Pemaguid Investment Properties, LLC, Bristol

The Good Supply, Bristol

the Maine Coast Craft School, LLC, Bristol

Apogee Outdoor Adventures, LLC, Brunswick

Gelato Fiasco, Brunswick

Good Group Decisions, Brunswick

Jai Yoga, Brunswick

Maine Pines Racquet & Fitness Club, Brunswick

The Daniel Hotel, Brunswick

The Little Dog Coffee Shop, Brunswick

The Theater Project, Brunswick

40 Paper, Camden

Belmont Inn, Camden

Camden Harbor Cruises, Camden

Mountain Street Potter, Camden

Studios of Harry W. Smith, Camden

Cape Porpoise Kitchen, Cape Porpoise

Castine inn, Castine

The Castine Inn, Castine

Alewives & Ales Bed & Breakfast, Damariscotta

BUZZ MAINE LLC, Damariscotta

Graceon the Edge, Damariscotta

Savory Maine, Dining & Provisions, Damariscotta

44 north coffee, Deer Isle

Deer Isle Hostel, Deer Isle

Smugglers Cove Inn, East Boothbay

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Moose Island Bakery, Eastport

Peapod Jewelry, Edgecomb

Monteux Gallery, Ellsworth

Leavitt & Sons, Falmouth and Portland

Harraseeket Inn, Freeport

Coveside Bed and Breakfast, Georgetown

Bluff House Inn, Gouldsboro

Mrs JC Farley Foundation, Inc, Gouldsboro

Schoodic Maine Guide, Hancock

Two Coves Farm, Harpswell

Lawrence Mfg, Hartland

Sewall house yoga retreat, Island Falls

Shore Shop Gifts, Isle au Haut

Dark Harbor Oysters, Islesboro

Inn at English Meadows, Kennebunk

Kitchen Chicks Catering, LLC, Kennebunk

Waldo Emerson Inn, Kennebunk

Captain Jefferds Inn, Kennebunkport

Green Marine Corporation, Kennebunkport

Sand Dollar Real Estate, LLC, Kennebunkport

Cottage Linens, Inc., Kennebunkport

Beach Dog Pet Services, Ilc, Kittery Point

Bay Leaf Cottages & Bistro, Lincolnville

Cohills Inn, LLC, Lubec

Frank's Dockside Restaurant, Lubec

Lubec Brewing Company, Lubec

Lupine Gallery, Monhegan

Monhegan Island Inn, Inc., Monhegan

Monhegan Island Inn, Inc., Monhegan

Spring Woods Gallery, N SULLIVAN

Next Adventure, Inc. dba The Bradley Inn, New Harbor

Norland LLC, New Harbor

The Seagull Shop, New Harbor

Thompson Cottages, New Harbor

Morning Dew Farm LLC, Newcastle

Newcastle Inn, Newcastle

Oxbow Brewing Company, Newcastle

Samovar tea, Newcastle

HARBOURSIDE INN LLC, Northeast Harbor

Sea Princess Cruises, Northeast Harbor

New Tide Healing Arts, Northport

Anchorage by the Sea, Ogunquit

Bintliff's Restaurant of Ogunquit, Ogunquit

Bintliffs Restaurant, Ogunquit

Meadowmere Resort, Ogunquit

The McCoy Group, Ogunquit

Crest Motel, Old Orchard Beach

Hid'n Pines Family Campground, Old Orchard Beach

Surf 6 Restaurant, Old Orchard Beach

Beach Gardens Motel, Old Orchard Beach

Beau Rivage Motel, Old Orchard Beach

Kebek 3 Motel, Old Orchard Beach

Rousseau Investment Properties Inc, Old Orchard Beach

Sandpiper beachfront motel, Old Orchard Beach

Orland Rental Properties, Orland

Salt Cod Cafe, Orr's Island

Maine island kayak outfitters, Peaks Island

Pemaquid Mercantile, Pemaquid

Anna's Water's Edge Restaurant, Phippsburg

EdgeWater Farm B&B and Gardens, Phippsburg

Bruno's, Portland

Miyake, Portland

Odyssey Whale Watch, Portland

Ohno Cafe, Portland

Portland Paddle LLC, Portland

Seacoast Coffee Company, Portland

The Chadwick Bed & Breakfast, Portland

Clark Insurance, Portland

Local 188 LLC, Portland

Vena's Fizz House, Portland

Elsa's Inn on the Harbor, Propect Harbor

Hurdy Gurdy Man Antiques/Salty Dog Gallery, Prospect Harbor

Loon Lodge Inn, Rangeley

Red Bird Acupuncture, Rockland

Rockland Sailing Co, Rockland

250 Main Hotel, Rockland

Coastal Maine Art Workshopd, Rockland

Dowling Walsh Gallery, Rockland

Ocean Energy Institute, Rockland

Swell farm, Rockland

Coastal Maine Photo Tours, Rockland,

Nina June, Rockport

Rockport Marine, Rockport

Full Plate Farm, Round Pond

The Anchor Restaurant, Round Pond

Willow Pond Farm, Inc., Sabattus

Barreled Souls Brewing Company LLC, Saco

Searsport Hills, LLC, Searsport

Searsport Shores Ocean Camping, Searsport

Rock Gardens Inn, Sebasco Estates

West Cove Boat Yard, Sorrento

Gamage Shipyard, South Bristol

Mook Sea Farms, Inc., South Bristol

Go Fish Charters [Sportfishing service], South Portland

One fifty ate, South portland

One Fifty Ate, Inc., South Portland

Surf Camp Maine, South Portland

Acadia Yurts, Southwest Harbor

Beal's Lobster Pier, Southwest Harbor

Acadia Sailing Adventures, Southwest Harbor

Red Sky, Southwest Harbor

Whitehead Light Station, Spruce Head

River Watch, St. George

Aerie Restaurant, Steuben

Eagle Hill Institute, Steuben

Russell Heath Coaching, Steuben

Mainayr Campground, Steuben

BeachBeads, Stonington

F/V Jericho's Way, Stonington

Lobster Shack, Stonington

Old Quarry Ocean Adventures, Stonington

Old Quarry Ocean Adventures Inc, Stonington

Flanders bay cabins, Sullivan

SV Ecology, Surry

Koviashuvik Local Living School, Temple

Tenants Harbor Boatyard, Tenants Harbor

Maine Electirc Power Systems Inc, Topsham

Maine Electric Power Systems Inc, Topsham

The Moving Company Dance Studio, Topsham

Salt Restaurant Vinalhaven, Vinalhaven

Vinalhaven Land Trust, Vinalhaven

Androscoggin Wooden Boatworks, Wayne

Cardinali's Restaurant, Wells

Coast Encounters, LLC, Wells

Habor House Cottages # 2, Wells

Harbor House Cottages, Wells

Harbor House Cottages #3 & #4, Wells

R. Jorgensen Antiques, Wells

Summer Solstice Craft Shows, Wells

Wells Chamber of Commerce, Wells

Sailing Through, LLC, Westbrook

CAROL MICHAUD ART, Winter Harbor

The Lobstore, Winter Harbor

whopaints Studio & Gallery, Winter Harbor

TREATS, Wiscasset

Recycling Retro, Woolwich

Lanes Island Oyster Company, Yarmouth

Dockside Guest Quarters, York

Lobster In The Rough, York

Maine Coast Builders, York

Morning Glory Inn, York