



February 9, 2023

Dear Senator:

The National Ocean Policy Coalition (“Coalition”) is pleased to offer its support for the Reinvesting In Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems (“RISEE”) Act.

The Coalition is an organization of diverse interests representing sectors and entities that support the development and implementation of sound, balanced ocean policies that recognize and enhance the critical role that our oceans, coastal areas, and marine and terrestrial ecosystems play in our nation’s economy, national security, culture, health, and well-being while conserving the natural resources and marine habitat of our ocean and coastal regions for current and future generations.

By creating a mechanism to allocate revenue generated from wind energy activity in federal waters to adjacent coastal states and the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund as well as increasing the amount of revenue that can be shared from Gulf of Mexico energy activity, this bill will provide coastal states with funding opportunities for conservation and restoration activities and better understanding and utilizing the oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes in a manner that maximizes the economic and environmental benefits associated with marine resources.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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Jack Belcher
Managing Director