



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

December 13, 2016

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Protect Federal Waters Offshore California from Oil and Gas Leasing

Dear Mr. President:

In 2014, I joined the Governors of Oregon and Washington to oppose the inclusion of any new oil and gas leasing along our shared coast in the federal government's 2017-2022 leasing program. Your Administration excluded the Pacific region in the final plan.

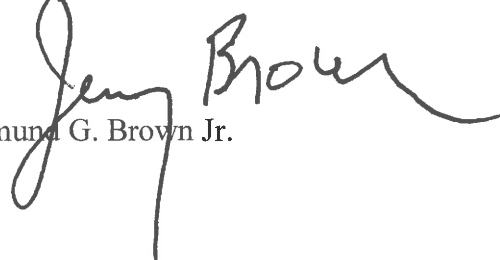
I now urge you to use your authority under Section 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently withdraw federal waters off the coast of California from new offshore oil and gas leasing and guarantee that future oil and gas drilling in these waters is prohibited.

California is blessed with hundreds of miles of spectacular coastline; home to scenic state parks, beautiful beaches, abundant wildlife and thriving communities.

Clearly, large new oil and gas reserves would be inconsistent with our overriding imperative to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and combat the devastating impacts of climate change.

Now is the time to make permanent the protection of our ocean waters and beaches from new oil and gas drilling.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.