



# Agriculture Energy Alliance

*Representing agriculture as a producer and consumer of energy*

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Members of the Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

## **Re: Support Peterson Amendment on Offshore Natural Gas Production**

Dear Members of the House Appropriations Committee:

The 110 members of the Agriculture Energy Alliance (AEA) urge you to vote in favor of the Peterson Amendment removing the moratorium on natural gas production in the Outer Continental Shelf.

AEA supports the amendment to the Appropriations bill offered by Congressman Peterson (R-PA) that would allow for additional offshore natural gas production.

**Our business is to grow abundant food and fiber for America and people around the world. Experts say that food production will need to double in the next 20 years to meet rising global demand. But today, tight natural gas supplies have driven U.S. farm inputs and energy prices to all time highs, increasing farm production costs. The U.S. farm sector is being weakened by constraints on onshore and offshore natural gas development, even as global demand for food is growing every year. By wisely developing and utilizing our own national resources, Congress can help ensure that farming remains an economically viable occupation.**

**Onshore and offshore natural gas production is a vote for food security. The farm sector depends on significant amounts of natural gas for food processing, irrigation, crop drying, heating farm buildings and homes and the production of crop protection chemicals and fertilizer.**

We urge you to support Congressman Peterson's amendment allowing for additional offshore natural gas production. Additional supply of American energy resources is critical to maintaining a competitive agricultural sector.

Sincerely,

Members of the Agriculture Energy Alliance

**Agribusiness Association of Iowa  
Agribusiness Council of Indiana  
Agricultural Council of California  
Alabama Crop Management Assn.  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Plant Food Corporation**

**Agricultural Retailers Assn.  
Agriliance, LLC  
Agrium Inc.  
Arkansas Plant Food Assn.  
Ben-Trei Ltd.  
Brandt Consolidated**

**CF Industries**  
**CHS Inc.**  
**California League of Food Processors**  
**Chemical Industry Council of Illinois**  
**CoBank (CO)**  
**Colorado Farm Bureau**  
**Colorado Grain & Feed Assn.**  
**Crop Production Services**  
**CropLife America**  
**D.B. Western, Inc.—Texas**  
**DeBruce Fertilizer, Inc.**  
**Delaware Maryland Agribusiness Assn.**  
**Diamond of California**  
**Fairfield Index Inc.**  
**Far West Agribusiness Assn. (WA)**  
**Florida Chamber of Commerce**  
**Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Assn.**  
**Florida Strawberry Growers Assn.**  
**Georgia Agribusiness Council, Inc.**  
**Georgia Feed & Grain Assn., Inc.**  
**GROWMARK, Inc.**  
**Hardee County Farm Bureau (FL)**  
**Hartung Brothers, Inc.**  
**Hawaiian Alliance for Responsible  
Technology & Science**  
**Helena Chemical Company**  
**Hillsborough County Agriculture Economic  
Development Council (FL)**  
**Hillsborough County Farm Bureau (FL)**  
**Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Assn.**  
**Indiana Grain & Feed Association**  
**Indiana Plant Food & Ag Chemicals Assn.**  
**Intermountain Farmers Assn.**  
**International Chemical Corporation**  
**International Commodities Export Corp.**  
**International Raw Materials Ltd.**  
**Iowa Institute for Cooperatives**  
**JR Simplot Company**  
**Jim Hicks & Company**  
**Johnston Enterprises**  
**Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Assn.**  
**Kansas Grain and Feed Assn.**  
**Land O' Lakes, Inc.**  
**Louisiana Ammonia Producers**  
**MFA Incorporated**  
**Mayo Fertilizer Inc.**  
**Michigan Agri-Business Assn.**  
**Minnesota Agri-Growth Council**  
**Minnesota Crop Production Retailers**  
**Missouri Ag Industries Council, Inc.**  
**Monsanto Company**

**Montana Agricultural Business Assn.**  
**National Association of Wheat Growers**  
**National Chicken Council**  
**National Corn Growers Assn.**  
**National Council of Farmer Cooperatives**  
**National Grange**  
**National Renderers Association, Inc.**  
**National Sorghum Producers**  
**National Turkey Federation**  
**Nebraska Agri-Business Assn.**  
**North Dakota Agricultural Assn.**  
**Northern Ag Suppliers, Inc.**  
**Oklahoma Ag Retailers**  
**Oregon Farm Bureau**  
**Oregon Wheat Growers League**  
**Pennsylvania Assn. of Milk Dealers**  
**Plant Food Association of North  
Carolina, Inc.**  
**Polk County Farm Bureau**  
**PotashCorp**  
**Rocky Mountain Agri-Business Assn. (CO)**  
**Sarasota County Farm Bureau (FL)**  
**Society of American Florists**  
**South Carolina Fertilizer and  
Agrichemical Assn.**  
**South Dakota Agri-Business Assn.**  
**Southern Crop Production Assn. (GA)**  
**Southern States Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Tennessee Agricultural Production Assn.**  
**Tennessee Farmers Cooperative**  
**Terra Industries**  
**Texas Ag Industries Assn.**  
**Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council**  
**Texas Grain & Feed Assn.**  
**The Andersons, Inc.**  
**The Fertilizer Institute**  
**The McGregor Company**  
**The Mosaic Company**  
**3-D Fertilizer**  
**USA Rice Federation**  
**United Suppliers, Inc.**  
**Virginia Crop Production Assn.**  
**Virginia Poultry Federation, Inc.**  
**Washington Association of Wheat Growers**  
**Washington State Council of Farmer  
Cooperatives**  
**West Central Inc.**  
**Western Peanut Growers Association (TX)**  
**Western Plant Health Association (CA)**  
**Wheeler Bros. Grain and Fertilizer Co.**  
**Willard Agri-Service of Frederick, Inc. (MD)**  
**Wisconsin Crop Production Association**