

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
United States Senate
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Dear Senators Reid and McConnell:

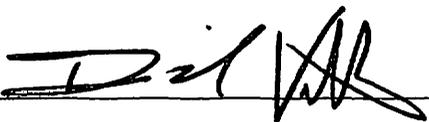
It is our hope that Democrats and Republicans will stand together to support American Energy Freedom Day on October 1, 2008. On this day, the current prohibitions on oil and gas exploration off the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and in the oil-shale fields of the West will expire, giving Americans the freedom to access their own energy reserves and providing them with relief from sky-high prices at the pump.

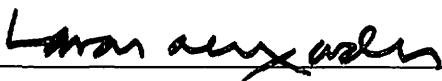
We strongly encourage you to allow the expiration of these prohibitions on American energy exploration and production, as scheduled under current law, and we will actively oppose any attempt to extend them. Now is not the time to hold America's energy reserves hostage.

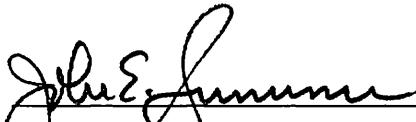
Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you to ensure a victory for the American people on American Energy Freedom Day.

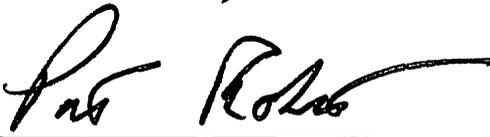
Sincerely,





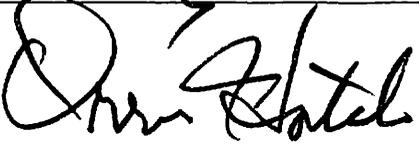












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