

Access to Domestic Energy Resources... Resilience, Independence, and Prosperity

America has rich stores of oil and natural gas, and is experiencing an energy renaissance from the resources which are currently available for development. Providing access to areas that are currently off-limits could strengthen our national security by increasing secure, reliable, domestic energy for our citizens and our military, and decreasing our reliance on nations which do not share our interests.

Benefits

Increased access to onshore and offshore areas for oil and natural gas development is an investment in American prosperity and security.

Increased Energy Security. Building upon our already burgeoning energy production further secures Americans from unstable and unfriendly nations.

Securing our National Economy:

- **Jobs.** Pro-development policies could generate 1.3 million jobs by 2030, many of which could be filled with veterans and their families.¹
- **Revenue.** Increased access to offshore oil and natural gas could generate significant revenue and economic activity throughout the United States.

Strengthening National Security. Increasing domestic access to our abundant domestic resources reduces the need for energy from volatile regions of the globe.

Obstacles to Energy and Jobs

Many offshore and onshore areas remain off-limits to oil and natural gas development - from the Mid-Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf to the far reaches of Alaska. Local moratoria and stalled federal bureaucratic decisions are preventing Americans from accessing trillions of cubic feet of natural gas and billions of barrels of oil which could heat homes, power cars, and generate jobs and revenue.

Our Position

Vets4Energy supports increased access to and streamlined approvals for the development of our onshore and offshore domestic oil and natural gas resources in order to secure our nation's economic, energy and national security.

Increasing access to America's oil and natural gas strengthens our national security by providing secure, reliable, domestic energy for our citizens and our military.

1. IHS. Minority and Female Employment in the Oil & Gas and Petrochemical Industries. March 2014.