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(Original Signature of Member)

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to withdraw the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic Planning Area from disposition, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Ross introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Defend our Coast
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL FROM DISPOSITION OF MID-ATLAN-**
2 **TIC OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.**

3 Section 12 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
4 (43 U.S.C. 1341) is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(g) WITHDRAWAL FROM DISPOSITION OF MID-AT-
7 LANTIC OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—The Secretary
8 may not issue a lease for the exploration, development,
9 or production of oil or gas on the outer Continental Shelf
10 in the Mid-Atlantic Planning Area, as such planning area
11 is depicted in the 2024–2029 National Outer Continental
12 Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program (Sep-
13 tember 2023).”.