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### **Natural Gas Supply Association Reacts to the President's Announcement on Offshore Drilling**

(Washington, DC) One of the natural gas industry's top trade associations is hailing the announcement regarding lifting the presidential ban on offshore drilling.

"This is a smart decision because natural gas from U.S. shores will add to our security of supply. Natural gas is essential to maintaining a high standard of living," said R. Skip Horvath, president and CEO of the Natural Gas Supply Association. Approximately 84 percent of the natural gas used in America is produced in the United States, while an additional 14 percent or so comes from Canada.

"Americans have flooded Congress and the White House with their calls and letters on high energy prices, and recent polls indicate that more than 70 percent favor increased drilling. The people have spoken, the President has acted and we hope the House and Senate are listening," Horvath said.

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