



# Committee on Natural Resources U.S. House of Representatives

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## Revenue Sharing Will Increase American Energy Production

H.R. 2231, the *Offshore Energy and Jobs Act*, establishes fair and equitable revenue sharing of offshore revenues for all coastal states, including U.S. territories:

- Revenue sharing will increase American energy production by creating new incentives for opening offshore areas to drilling. More American energy production equates to more jobs, a stronger economy, and more revenue.
- The bill allows states in the Gulf of Mexico to continue to receive 37.5 percent of revenue from new leases under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA). Currently four Gulf states already enjoy a portion of offshore drilling revenues (Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi).
- After a phase in, the bill extends the 37.5 percent revenue sharing percentage to other coastal states with energy production off their shores. All coastal states deserve a fair and equitable revenue sharing plan that in turn will promote energy job growth in new areas.
- Currently the federal government is not collecting any revenue from energy production off the Atlantic Coast because the Obama Administration has closed this area to exploration and production. A revenue sharing proposal would help spur energy development in the Atlantic and other offshore areas, generating new revenue for the federal government.