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Economist Testifies that Hastings' Energy Bills could Create 1.2 Million American Jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, during the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing on Chairman Doc Hastings' [three bills](#) to expand offshore energy production, Dr. Joseph Mason, economist and professor at Louisiana State University, stated that Hastings' bills will have "substantial job benefits" - creating **250,000 jobs short-term** during the exploration and development phase, and **1.2 million jobs long-term** during the production phase.



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Hank Danos, President of Danos and Curole Marine Contractors, Inc., testified that since the Administration's moratorium on drilling in the Gulf was put in place his company has had to let go 200 people, noting: "the jobs had faces attached to each one." He also discussed the positive impacts Hastings' bills will have on job creation in the Gulf.



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