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Honorable Mick Denham  
City of Sanibel  
800 Dunlop Road  
Sanibel, Florida 33957-4096

Dear Mayor Denham:

Thank you for providing Governor Charlie Crist with a copy of Resolution No. 2010 - 10 recently passed by City of Sanibel City Commission.

The Governor realizes how vital it is that state and local leaders, like you and your colleagues, continue to put the best interests of their citizens forward. Your continued efforts and dedication to Florida are greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write. Your thoughts are very important to him.

Sincerely,

Aundra Bryant  
Office of Policy and Budget  
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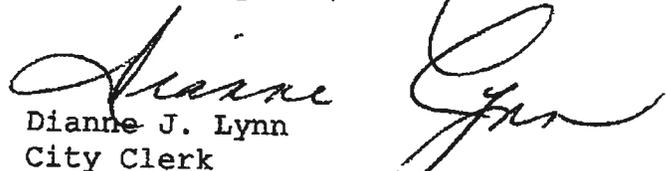
The Honorable Charlie Crist  
Office of the Governor  
The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: City of Bonita Springs  
Resolution No. 10-21,  
Offshore Drilling

Dear Governor Crist:

Enclosed please find a copy of City of Bonita Springs Resolution No. 10-21, opposing offshore oil drilling within twenty-five miles of the Lee County coastline. The Resolution was adopted by the City of Bonita Springs City Council on March 3, 2010.

Very truly yours,

  
Dianne J. Lynn  
City Clerk

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Enclosure

cc: Lee County Legislative Delegation  
Jeff Atwater, Senate President  
Larry Cretul, Speaker of the House  
Mick Denham, Mayor, City of Sanibel  
Larry Kiker, Mayor, Town of Fort Myers Beach  
Steve Boutelle, Lee County Natural Resources

**CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NO. 10-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; OPPOSING OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO WITHIN TWENTY FIVE MILES OF THE LEE COUNTY COASTLINE AND OPPOSITION SPECIFICALLY TO PASSAGE OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL 563 THAT WOULD ALLOW NEAR-SHORE OIL DRILLING THREE (3) MILES OFF OF THE FLORIDA COAST AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS**, Florida's economy depends on its multi-billion dollar tourism industry, which resulted in more than 82 million visitors coming to Florida in 2008, during which period tourism generated over \$65 billion in taxable sales; and

**WHEREAS**, tax revenues from tourism for Lee County during 2008 generated a \$78 million direct impact on local government revenues and a \$212 million direct impact on state government revenues and approximately 44,000 people directly employed, receiving nearly \$900 million in tourism wages; and

**WHEREAS**, oil and gas drilling in waters off the coast of Florida will increase the risk of oil pollution on Florida Beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, the risk to Florida's economy posed by oil and natural gas drilling off of Florida's coasts is substantial and even a small oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico could be devastating to our most important visitor amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, tax revenues generated from Florida's growing tourism industry are critical to continued funding of essential governmental services, including transportation, schools and public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 563, if passed by the State Legislature, and signed and implemented by the Governor, would permit the installation of oil rigs, pipelines, and drilling near the beaches and in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico and other areas of the Florida coastline; and

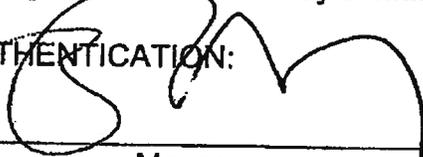
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by City Council of the City of Bonita Springs, Florida that:

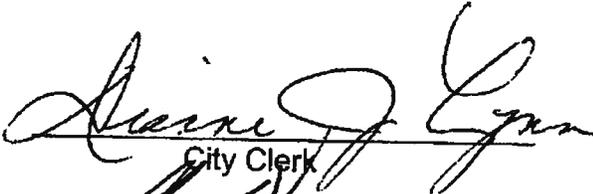
1. The City of Bonita Springs hereby opposes offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico within 25 miles of the coastline and opposes specifically the passage of HB 563 during the 2010 Legislative Session which allows drilling three (3) miles off the coast.

2. The City Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Jeff Atwater, Speaker of the House, Larry Cretul, the Lee County legislative delegation and the Florida League of Cities.

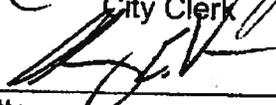
DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Bonita Springs, Florida this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2010.

AUTHENTICATION:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Vote:

Nelson	Aye	Spear	Aye
McIntosh	Aye	Simons	Aye
Martin	Aye	Lonkart	Aye
Slachta	Aye		

Date Filed With City Clerk: 3-4-10