

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2886

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

APRIL 10, 2025

Ms. ROSS (for herself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. McCLELLAN, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. BEYER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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).”.

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