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CLEAN OCEAN ACTION TESTIFIED IN NATION'S CAPITOL AGAINST OFFSHORE DRILLING Coastal Policy Attorney Sean Dixon testified against H.R. 2231 the Offshore Energy and Jobs Act

(**Washington, D.C.**) – Today, the Natural Resources Committee held on a hearing on H.R. 2231, the Offshore Energy and Jobs Act. Clean Ocean Action's Coastal Policy Attorney Sean Dixon was invited to testify.

"Fishermen don't want seismically-stunned seafood. Boardwalk buisnesses don't want to go back to beach closures and empty tables. Tourists don't want to wash tar off their towels," testified **Sean Dixon, Clean Ocean Action Coastal Policy Attorney**. "Because this act opens the Atlantic Ocean to offshore drilling, eliminates vital environmental and economic impact evaluations from drilling decision making, and drives U.S. energy policy down the wrong road, on behalf of the 125 organizations and businesses of the Clean Ocean Action coalition, and the citizens that depend on the clean ocean economy, I urge that this bill not be released from Committee," he added.

Sean Dixon's full testimony can be found online here.

H.R. 2231, the Offshore Energy and Jobs Act will be voted on in the House tomorrow.

Sean Dixon is a graduate of Pace Law School, with a law degree in environmental law and an LL.M. in climate change law. At Clean Ocean Action, Dixon's work ranges from dredged materials and coastal water quality to LNG imports/exports, offshore oil and gas activities, climate change, and coastal development.

Clean Ocean Action is a coalition of over 125 boating, business, community, conservation, diving, environmental, fishing, religious, service, student, surfing, and women's groups. Based in Sandy Hook, COA is the only full time regional coalition that works exclusively for a clean ocean off the coasts of New Jersey and New York. For more information, visit www.CleanOceanAction.org.