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Breaking News: Monumental Victory for the Ocean President Biden Signs Executive Order Permanently Banning Offshore Drilling off NY/NJ

Today marks a historic day for our ocean and coastal communities. U.S. President Joe Biden signed an Executive Order permanently banning offshore oil and gas development along the U.S. coast, including the waters off New Jersey and New York.

For over 40 years, Clean Ocean Action (COA) has spearheaded the fight against offshore drilling, uniting New Jerseyans from all walks of life in a shared mission to protect our ocean. This momentous victory is a testament to decades of relentless advocacy, unwavering community support, and bipartisan leadership at both the state and federal levels.

“Today is a monumental victory for the ocean!! For over 40 years, Clean Ocean Action led New Jerseyans from all walks of life to call for an end to offshore drilling and today, with a stroke of President Biden’s pen, it is done! This marks the day we can finally retire all of those heartbreaking posters highlighting the horrific impacts from offshore drilling! Waves of gratitude to Representative Frank Pallone for his leadership in opposition to offshore drilling over the past four decades, as well as the near unanimous, unwavering, bi-partisan support of the entire federal and state New Jersey delegations. At the heart of this are the thousands of citizens who rallied and raised their voices to the call for the ocean— because oil and water can never mix,” said **Cindy Zipf, Executive Director, Clean Ocean Action.** "This is a victory for marine life, for clean water, and for the generations who will inherit a protected and thriving ocean."

A Legacy of Bipartisan Support

This achievement would not have been possible without the near-unanimous, bipartisan support of New Jersey’s federal and state leaders. From Governor Tom Kean (R) to Governor Phil Murphy (D), from Congressman Frank Pallone (D) to Congressman Jim Saxton (R), and Senators Cory Booker (D) and Bob Menendez (D), the fight to protect our coastal waters transcended party lines.

The Work is Not Done

While this ban safeguards our coast from new oil and gas development, our work is far from over. COA is evaluating the E.O. to ensure its strength and the protection of the ocean.

Thank You to the Community

This day belongs to the thousands of citizens who rallied, signed petitions, attended press conferences, and stood unwavering in their commitment to the ocean. It is your voices, amplified through campaigns and actions, that made this victory possible.

As we celebrate this monumental achievement, we invite everyone to stay tuned for upcoming events to honor and reflect on this milestone together.

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