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To: House State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Re: HJR 2 recommending Congress exclude New Hampshire from offshore oil and gas drilling

I am representing the League of Women Voters New Hampshire, a non-partisan organization which has studied and come to consensus on US governmental environmental policies since the 1960s. In the intervening years we have recognized how interconnected energy, air and water quality and natural resources are.

The League supports HJR2 because it recognizes and addresses some of those positions. We unequivocally oppose expanding oil and gas drilling and seismic testing in public waters off the US coastline, including New Hampshire's. We would be affected by such activities in Massachusetts and Maine waters as well and are pleased that all Leagues along the Eastern seaboard are acting together in our individual state legislatures as well as at the federal level to oppose drilling.

The resolution states our positions well. We add one more: investing in more oil and gas as sources of fuel locks us into increased carbon pollution and delays the growing businesses which are now successfully marketing sustainable sources such as solar and wind.

The League of Women Voters NH urges the Committee to recommend OUGHT TO PASS on HJR 2. This resolution would be a big step forward in a 21st century energy policy and in environmental protection