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U.S. Representative Scott Rigell
2nd District of Virginia
418 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support of H.R. Bill 1782 Virginia Jobs and Energy Act

Dear Congressman Rigell,

The Virginia Beach Branch NAACP applauds and supports your effort to generate jobs for Virginians by introducing the Virginia Jobs and Energy Act (H.R. 1782) to open the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) off the coast of Virginia for energy development. We are very pleased that Governor Bob McDonnell and both of Virginia's U.S. Senators have signaled their support for similar legislation. Given the unemployment rate, especially that of African Americans here in Virginia Beach and the region, we are encouraged that you are taking proactive steps toward increasing employment opportunities in this part of the Commonwealth.

We wish you well in this endeavor and look forward to seeing your legislation pass and become law.

Sincerely,

Carl Wright
President, Virginia Beach Branch NAACP

Cc: Economic Development Chair VBNAACP