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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing because of my concerns regarding possible offshore oil and gas development in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. As a resident of Prince Edward Island, I am strongly against this for a number of reasons. First, with Climate Change and Global Warming now well underway, it's increasingly evident that governments need to move away from their dependence on oil or future generations will be severely penalized in their quality of life.

Second, we need to move towards renewable energy sources here in the Maritimes, not only for environmental reasons, but because it benefits local economies, rather than large corporations. Third, oil spills and leakage would seriously compromise two of the Island's major industries, tourism and fishing. It wouldn't be a matter of if this happened, but when. Oil leakage from offshore drilling is a constant reality.

I strongly urge you to stop any oil and gas exploration in the Gulf for these reasons. It is time for people to start making decisions that benefit local economies, protect the environment, and ensure that future generations will inherit a world that has not been damaged beyond repair.

Sincerely,

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