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I am in favour of offshore exploration and production in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. My support is certainly NOT about development at any cost but development under a robust regulatory regime. I believe the exploration and production can be conducted safely and can proceed safely and all risks mitigated. I've worked as a geologist offshore Nova Scotia and Labrador where hundreds of wells have been drilled safely and without impact. The local oil field service companies have provided and will continue to provide the services needed to ensure this safety record continues. The East Coast offshore oil and gas industry has immense economic potential for this region and must be allowed to develop in a safe and regulated manner. I am opposed to the small group of opponents who use intimidation, bullying, and half truths to create hysteria within the populace in their efforts to oppose all oil and gas development.

Respectively submitted,

Robert MacDonald, P.Geo.