



FROM THE DESK OF DAVID GOMBERG

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Gomberg".

On behalf of the Surfrider Foundation, I urge your strong support for Senate Bill 256.

Senate Bill 256 bolsters Oregon's commitment to protecting our ocean economy by reinstating and strengthening Oregon's moratorium on oil, gas and sulfur exploration and drilling in our ocean. The legislation commemorates and reinforces Goal 19, Oregon's ocean planning goal that prioritizes protection of ocean renewable resources over the exploration and extraction of non-renewable resources. Senate Bill 256 speaks to the thousands of Oregonians, businesses, organizations, and local elected officials that have taken many actions to oppose oil and gas drilling and exploration as their jobs, livelihoods, and way of life depend on a healthy ocean economy.

Following the federal administration's proposal to open up 90% of the continental shelf for oil and gas lease sales, including off Oregon's coast, Surfrider's Oregon membership and volunteer network organized a strong and unified bipartisan approach to protecting Oregon's ocean through a campaign that represents all of Oregon. This included Municipal and Port Resolutions. Throughout 2018, Surfrider worked with the cities of Port Orford, Newport, Lincoln City, Toledo, Yachats, and Gold Beach to pass resolutions opposing any future offshore oil drilling. The Siletz Tribal Council and Ports of Toledo and Newport have also passed resolutions in opposition of oil and gas drilling. Lastly, the entire Coastal Zone Management Association formally supports SB 256, representing the lion's share of ports, cities and counties along the coast.

Additionally, Oregon's federal delegation joined our Coastal Caucus at the Coastal Economic Summit to hold a special press conference in support of protecting our coast from oil and gas drilling.

Oregon's ocean is a special place, which many of us depend on for our jobs, livelihoods, and way of life. I urge your vote for Senate Bill 256 in furthering protection of Oregon's ocean resources for our generations to come.

Handwritten initials "DG" circled in black, with the date "3/19/19" written below it.