



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
COMMISSIONER DAWN BUCKINGHAM, M.D.

January 20, 2026

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Office of Leasing and Plans
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123
Attn: Bridgette Duplantis

Re: BOEM's Proposed Second Gulf of America Lease Sale Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act
(March 2026)

Dear Ms. Duplantis:

As Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office ("GLO"), I appreciate yet another opportunity to comment on a proposed Gulf of America lease sale by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM").

My GLO staff and I are the stewards of over 13 million mineral acres of State land, including over 6 million acres under the Gulf of America, all dedicated to the Texas Permanent School Fund ("PSF"), which funds public education through oil and gas production, mineral leasing, and surface leasing. The PSF is the single largest owner of mineral acreage in the State of Texas.

In addition to leasing minerals under and along the Gulf of America, the GLO helps protect the shoreline and regulate use along the entire Texas Gulf Coast. Further, the GLO receives and administers Texas's share of Federal oil and gas leasing revenues under both the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 and Section 8(g) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1986. Thus, as Texas Land Commissioner and the leader of the GLO, I am the executive in charge of a Texas state agency with critical interest in the size, timing, and location of the proposed BOEM oil and gas lease sale.

The PSF owns, and the GLO manages, all “submerged” lands located three marine leagues (approximately 10 miles) from the Texas coast out into the Gulf of America. The GLO has a fiduciary duty to maximize revenues from state lands and minerals. Roughly \$6.2 billion in revenue has been generated for the Permanent School Fund through oil and gas production, sales, leases, and land transactions since 2023, including over \$1.6 billion in revenue in the last fiscal year. Since the inception of the PSF, the GLO has deposited over \$37.2 billion into the fund from oil and gas revenues. Last year, I wrote a \$1.5 billion check to Public Education.

As the steward of the land and mineral estate dedicated to the PSF, I celebrate all efforts to expand energy production in the Gulf of America. Texas is the energy capitol of the world, and we – the State of Texas and the Federal government - must continue to take advantage of our vast resources and offshore capabilities to benefit all U.S. citizens. The U.S. must establish energy dominance to strengthen our economy. Offshore development fuels state and federal revenues, helping fund infrastructure, education, and public services. Energy dominance is also essential for U.S. national security as hostile foreign actors, most notably the Chinese Communist Party, are trying to infiltrate, disrupt, and outpace American energy production.

I strongly support BOEM’s proposed March 2026 oil and gas lease sale in the Gulf of America. Please let me and my staff know if we can provide any further information that would assist in this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Buckingham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

DAWN BUCKINGHAM, M.D.
Commissioner, Texas General Land Office