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Dear US Customs and Border Protection: I am writing today to strongly urge you to REJECT the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agency's proposed modifications and revocations related to the use of Jones Act vessels in offshore oil and natural gas activities on January 18, 2017. ___ The proposed modifications and revocations will have a wide range of repercussions on American oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico, but also supported employment, gross domestic product, as well as government revenue. ___ If the proposed changes are accepted, cumulative spending on offshore oil and natural gas development in the Gulf of Mexico OCS will decrease in the range of \$5.4 billion (15 percent) per year. With the decreased spending come the loss of 30 thousand jobs in 2017 and an average decreased employment of over 80 thousand jobs from 2017 to 2030. ___ Altering the Jones Act in this way would also mean an average loss of \$1.9 billion of government revenue per year from 2017 to 2030, placing additional strain on already overly burdened government budgets to maintain public projects and works. ___ It would be a terrible mistake to allow the proposed changes to be adopted. Once again, I urge you to reject the CBP's proposed modifications and revocations related to the use of Jones Act.

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