

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12), today issued the following statement following a public meeting that Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar hosted in to discuss energy development on the Outer Continental Shelf.

“I thank Secretary Salazar for accepting our invitation to hold a public meeting in New Jersey and for his open-minded new look at coastal energy. The New Jersey shore is important to the economy and character of our state. Drilling off the shore is unwise because we must make a transition to new sources, rather than look for every way to extend our dependence on the ultimately unsustainable fossil fuels. We should not put our shore at risk-- and for no good reason. There are great sustainable energy resources -- like wind, waves, water currents -- and they are here and near to the concentrations of populations along the East Coast.”

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