

WASHINGTON- Congressman Lee Terry, who sits on the Energy and Commerce Committee, made the following comments following President Obama's announcement to open up a small amount of offshore drilling:

**"This is a gesture in the right direction, but we must be more aggressive in developing more of our own oil and gas resources and moving toward continental exploration. We can't afford to be so dependent on OPEC oil. This is a good first step, but it needs to be bolder."**

