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In a bipartisan letter addressed to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Reps. Mark Sanford (R-SC) and Bobby Scott (D-VA) called for a halt in seismic testing on the outer continental shelf of the Atlantic Ocean. The letter, which has support from more than 30 other representatives, contends that surveys made by oil and gas companies to locate petroleum resources using seismic methods disrupt the oceanic environment. The letter directs BOEM to retract their decision to allow for an environmental review of geological and geophysical surveys in the Atlantic, citing the potentially harmful impacts to marine life.

Sources: Rep. Mark Sanford (R-SC) Press Release, [eenews](#)
