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## PROTECT OUR ECONOMY

**Our coastal tourism economy is at risk.** Florida's beautiful beaches, reefs, and fishing are the cornerstone of our economy. Visitors spent \$109 billion supporting 1.4 million Florida jobs in 2016, yet this would all be jeopardized by offshore drilling.

## PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT

**Prevent oil spills.** Drilling for oil off Florida's shores would mean oil spills. The 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon disaster spewed more than 200 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, which impacted 1,300 miles of shoreline. Each year, thousands of spills, amounting to millions of gallons of oil, occur where offshore drilling takes place.

**Protect wildlife.** By keeping oil off our beaches and out of our wetlands, Amendment 9 would protect birds, fish, turtles, and marine mammals. After the BP disaster, dolphin deaths were 4 times historic rates, tens of thousands of sea turtles perished, an estimated 12% of brown pelicans and 32% of laughing gulls in the region were killed, and coral colonies died off.

## SUSTAIN OUR WAY OF LIFE

**Cherished places need protection.** We live here because we enjoy Florida's natural environment; the chance to see a nesting sea turtle, dive our coral reefs, fish our waters or simply watch a mesmerizing sunrise or sunset. Oil and gas drilling off the coast puts our treasured places and our way of life at risk.

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