KEEP LOUISIANA COMPETITIVE

Campaign Toolkit
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Louisiana Constitutional Amendment #1 Fact Sheet

About the Louisiana Property Tax Exemption for Stored Materials Routed for Outer Continental Shelf Amendment

• On October 12, Louisianans will vote on Constitutional Amendment #1 to extend an ad valorem tax exemption to property stored in Louisiana warehouses but destined for use in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

• Materials impacted by the amendment would include tools, equipment and other items used for offshore drilling and production.

• The amendment, sponsored by state Rep. Blake Miguez, is designed to provide clarification on an ambiguous portion of the Louisiana tax code and would not take away any parish revenue. If passed, the amendment would largely maintain current status quo on materials exempted from this tax.

Louisiana Offshore Activity: By the Numbers*  
- $72.8 billion impact on the Louisiana economy
- More than 250,000 good paying jobs supported
- $19.2 billion provided in annual household income
- 50 percent of Louisiana's coastal restoration efforts funded through revenue generated by industry

*Based on a 2018 economic impact study

Voting YES on Constitutional Amendment #1 will help:
• Keep Louisiana’s economy competitive
• Protect thousands of good paying jobs for Louisianans
• Promote the production of affordable, clean and reliable energy for households across the nation
• Ensure that Louisiana’s oil and natural gas production continues to generate billions in revenues for the state’s infrastructure, schools, and conservation programs

Vote YES on Constitutional Amendment #1

• The oil and natural gas industry is the backbone of Louisiana’s economy as the second-largest oil producer and fourth-largest natural gas producer in the nation. Competitive tax policies at the state level are critical to the economic health of our state.

• The amendment allows Louisiana to remain the gateway to natural resources in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM), creates jobs, stimulates local economies, and attracts long-term capital investments throughout the state.

• Undermining offshore energy development through short-sighted policies could adversely affect Louisiana’s economy, weaken U.S. energy security, and even hurt American families.
FAQ

Louisiana Constitutional Amendment #1 FAQ

What is Constitutional Amendment #1?
Constitutional Amendment #1 (C.A. #1) extends a property tax exemption on goods stored in Louisiana warehouses for maintenance or positioning but ultimately destined for use in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The amendment, sponsored by state Rep. Blake Miguez, is designed to provide clarification on an ambiguous portion of the Louisiana tax code.

What is the Outer Continental Shelf?
The OCS refers to submerged land that belongs to the United States and is outside the states' jurisdiction. This includes the deepwater areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

What type of materials will be affected?
Materials impacted by the amendment would include tools, equipment and other items used for offshore drilling and production.

Would C.A. #1 take away revenue from coastal parishes?
No. Materials destined for OCS, which cannot be stored on a rig, cannot be taxed by the parish.

Sample ballot
Do you support an amendment to exempt raw materials, goods, commodities, personal property, and other articles stored in public and private warehouses and destined for the Outer Continental Shelf from ad valorem taxes?

- Yes
- No

Sample ballot

Yes
No
Louisiana Constitutional Amendment #1 FAQ

How does C.A. #1 affect the oil and gas industry?
The amendment preserves the oil and natural gas industry’s ability to stage, maintain and transport important pieces of equipment to the deepwater Gulf of Mexico. Voting YES will keep our nation’s vital energy resources flowing and enhance competitiveness in the Gulf of Mexico by making sure materials destined for federal waters remain exempt from inconsistent local property taxes.

How would C.A. #1 affect my family and business?
The oil and gas industry is the backbone of Louisiana’s economy, supporting more than 250,000 good paying jobs and $19.2 billion in annual household income, as well as generating billions in revenue for the state’s infrastructure, schools, and conservation programs.
Fair and predictable tax structures help drive business, investment and job growth throughout the state. Voting YES on the amendment will protect thousands of jobs and keep Louisiana’s economy competitive. The amendment is good for the economy, good for the state and good for hard-working Louisianans.

Who supports C.A. #1?
This amendment is supported by a strong coalition of Louisianans, including the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association (LMOGA), Louisiana Police Jury Association, Greater New Orleans, Inc., Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL), New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) and many others.

When can I vote “YES” on C.A. #1?
Early voting is September 28 through October 5.
Election day is October 12, 2019.

How do I vote?
Make sure you are registered to vote by mail by September 11 or online by September 21. To find out your voting location on election day, download the GeauxVote app for easy access to voting information. You can register to vote online by clicking here.
Vote YES on C.A. #1

Important Dates

• September 11 – Last day to register to vote by mail
• September 21 – Last day to register to vote online
• September 28 – October 5 – Early voting
• October 12 – **Election Day! Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm**

Before Election Day Checklist

☐ Follow @LATaxpayerProtection on social media
☐ Register to vote online through the [GeauxVote Online Registration System](#) or by mailing your application to your local [Registrar of Voters Office](#)

Election Day Checklist

☐ Bring a valid photo ID
☐ Use the Louisiana Voter Portal to find where you vote on election day, or call your parish Registrar of Voters Office
☐ Download the [GeauxVote app](#) for easy access to voting information
☐ Remember to vote YES on C.A. #1
Let’s Connect  Our Social Accounts

We need your help spreading the word that Constitutional Amendment #1 is good for our state and good for hard-working Louisianans.

Tell your friends you will be voting **YES on C.A. #1** on election day!

**Twitter:** @LATaxpayer

**LinkedIn:** @LATaxpayerProtectionCommittee

**Facebook:** @LATaxpayerProtectionCommittee

**YouTube:** LA Taxpayer Protection

To learn more about this important amendment, go to [www.ProtectLATaxpayers.com](http://www.ProtectLATaxpayers.com/) or e-mail us at info@ProtectLATaxpayers.com.

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**Tweet it loud, tweet it proud!**

“I support common sense tax policies that keep Louisiana moving forward. Vote YES on C.A. #1 on election day to keep our economy competitive and protect good paying jobs for Louisianans! #VoteYESonCA1”

“I support Louisiana’s oil and natural gas industry. Vote YES on C.A. #1 to promote the production of affordable, clean and reliable energy for households across the nation. #VoteYESonCA1”

“I support fair and transparent tax policies. Vote YES on C.A. #1 to ensure that Louisiana’s oil and natural gas production continues to generate billions in revenues for the state’s infrastructure, schools, and conservation programs. #VoteYESonCA1”
Take Action! How you can help.

- Take the pledge.
- Share with a friend.
- Like us on Facebook.
- Tweet your support!
- Share voting locations.
- VOTE YES!
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