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# H. R. 956

To prohibit oil and gas exploration, development, and production in the North Atlantic Planning Area of the Outer Continental Shelf.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Drilling in the  
5 North Atlantic Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, DE-**  
7 **VELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION IN THE**  
8 **NORTH ATLANTIC PLANNING AREA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 8 of the  
10 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337), the

1 Secretary of the Interior may not lease any area in the  
2 North Atlantic Planning Area of the Outer Continental  
3 Shelf for oil and gas exploration, development, or produc-  
4 tion.

5 (b) NO EFFECT ON EXISTING LEASES.—Subsection  
6 (a) shall not affect any oil and gas leases issued before  
7 the date of enactment of this section.

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