

Mr. President:

Our Security Can't Wait.

It's time to ratify the Law of the Sea Treaty.

With each passing day, America's military, economic and environmental security are further threatened by our failure to ratify the treaty that governs ocean navigation and overflight, submarine telecommunications cables and access to undersea resources. The melting sea ice of the Arctic, for example, is opening up new shipping routes and access to potentially vast oil and mineral deposits, setting off an international scramble for rights of passage and claims to undersea treasure. Yet the United States, with the most to gain or lose in this struggle, has no seat at the table where these matters will be decided.

That's why former U.S. Presidents and Secretaries of State of both major parties along with a very broad range of business, civic, military and environmental leaders strongly support ratification of Law of the Sea. America can't wait any longer to take this critical step.



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Some prominent organizations and individuals who support ratification:

American Association for
the Advancement of Science

American Bar Association

American Chemistry Council

American Geological Institute

American Geophysical Union

American Petroleum Institute

Richard L. Armitage, former Deputy
Secretary, U.S. Department of State

Association of the United States Navy
AT&T

James Baker III, former U.S.
Secretary of State

John B. Bellinger III, former Legal
Advisor, U.S. Department of State

Chamber of Shipping of America

Citizens for Global Solutions

Admiral Thomas Collins USCG (Ret.), former
Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard

Consortium for Ocean Leadership

Former U.S. Rep. James C. Greenwood

Former U.S. Rep. Lee H. Hamilton,
President and Director of the Woodrow
Wilson International Center for Scholars

International Association of
Drilling Contractors

Institute for 21st Century Energy

Joint Ocean Commission Initiative

Admiral Robert Kramek, USCG (Ret.), former
Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard

Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski

Admiral James M. Loy, USCG (Ret.),
former Commandant of the
U.S. Coast Guard, former Deputy

Secretary of Homeland Security

Dennis V. McGinn, Vice Admiral,
U.S. Navy, Retired

National Fisheries Institute

National Marine Manufacturers Association

National Ocean Industries Association

Natural Resources Defense Council

The Pew Charitable Trusts

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell

The Port Authority of New York
and New Jersey

Rule of Law Committee for the Oceans
Shell

U.S. Arctic Research Commission

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

USTelecom

Verizon

Former Senator John W. Warner,
former Secretary of the Navy and
former Chairman of the Senate

Armed Services Committee

Admiral James D. Watkins USN (Ret.),

former Chief of Naval Operations

World Wildlife Fund - US

Admiral Paul A. Yost, Jr. USCG (Ret.), former
Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard