Washington D.C. – Congressman Kevin McCarthy issued the following statement on the passage of H.R. 1230 "Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act":

"We must pursue energy policies that put to use our domestic supplies and technologies, fostering job creation and decreasing our use of foreign oil. Our economy remains in fragile condition, and across our country, family budgets are stretched to their limits only to be further stretched by the rise in gas prices. Delaying or canceling domestic leases like the Obama Administration has done only puts our energy independence, as well as our economic and national security interests, in further jeopardy. We have the resources to produce and control our own energy future here at home, and we must take advantage of these opportunities to create jobs and free our country from unstable foreign sources of oil. I am committed to ensuring our nation's energy security, but this will only be done by committing ourselves to meeting this challenge using our own natural resources and American innovation."