

Angie Craig has repeatedly voted for drilling bans which could have made America more energy independent. Instead gas prices are nearly \$5 a gallon.

NOTE: As of June 24, 2022, the [average](#) national gas price was \$4.926. In Minnesota the average price was \$4.723

In 2019, Craig supported legislation that would permanently extend the moratorium on offshore drilling in certain areas of the Florida Gulf Coast:

Editor's Note: According to the [U.S. Energy Information Administration](#), The Gulf of Mexico federal offshore oil production accounts for 15% of total U.S. crude oil production and federal offshore natural gas production in the Gulf accounts for 5% of total U.S. dry production.

- **Craig voted YEA on H.R. 205.** (H.R. 205 [Roll Call #521](#), Passed 248-180, Craig Voted Yea, 9/11/19)
- **“This bill permanently extends the moratorium on oil and gas leasing, preleasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico near the coast of Florida.”**
 (“Summary,” H.R. 205, [Congress](#), 9/11/19)
 - **LCV supported the legislation because the bill would permanently extend the moratorium on offshore drilling on the Florida Gulf Coast, which is set to expire in 2022.** “Representatives Francis Rooney (R-FL) and Kathy Castor (D-FL) sponsored H.R. 205, the Protecting and Securing Florida’s Coastline Act of 2019, a bipartisan bill that would permanently extend the moratorium on offshore drilling on the Florida Gulf Coast, which is set to expire in 2022. It also includes an amendment reinstating Obama-era rules requiring stricter safety standards on offshore drilling rigs. This legislation would protect the clean and healthy coasts and marine ecosystems that are vital to Florida’s economy and coastal communities. On September 11, the House approved H.R. 205 by a vote of 248–180 (House Roll Call Vote 521). YES IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE. The Senate Took No Action On This Legislation.” (2019 Scorecard, [LCV](#), Accessed 6/14/22)

In 2019, Craig supported legislation that would restore a drilling ban in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge:

Editor's Note: The U.S. Geological Survey estimates, the North Slope [contains](#) an estimated 10.4 billion barrels of oil. The North Slope is located in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

- **Craig voted YEA on H.R. 1146.** (H.R. 1146 [Roll Call #530](#), Passed 225-193, Craig Voted Yea, 9/12/19)
- **“This bill prohibits the Bureau of Land Management from administering an oil and gas leasing, development, production, and transportation program in and from the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.”** (“Summary,” [H.R. 1146](#), Congress, Accessed 9/12/19)

- LCV supported the legislation because it would “reverse a 2017 tax bill provision that mandated the sale of oil and gas leases in the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.” “Representative Jared Huffman (D-CA) sponsored H.R. 1146, the Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, which would reverse a 2017 tax bill provision that mandated the sale of oil and gas leases in the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The Coastal Plain is considered the cultural and biological heart of the Arctic Refuge: it is home to majestic wildlife such as Porcupine Caribou (the Gwich’in people’s sacred animal), polar bears, and muskoxen. This bill is a major victory for Gwich’in rights and the preservation of one of the wildest and most pristine areas in our country. On September 12, the House approved H.R. 1146 by a vote of 225–193 (House roll call vote 530). YES IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE. The Senate took no action on this legislation.” (2019 scorecard, [LCV](#), Accessed 6/14/22).

Craig voted no on an amendment to legislation that would have struck a provision that blocked oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge:

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- **Craig voted no on Amendment No. 143 to H.R. 3055.** (H.R. 3055, [Roll Call #530](#), Failed 198-233, Craig Voted No, 6/20/19)
- **The amendment would have removed “section 118 from the bill that prevents energy leases in ANWR.”** An amendment numbered 143 printed in Part B of House Report 116-119 to strike section 118 from the bill that prevents energy leases in ANWR.” (Description, H.Amdt 441, [Congress](#), Accessed 6/15/22)

LCV scored the vote as a positive for Craig due it halting drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. “Representative Jeff Duncan (R-SC) offered an amendment to H.R. 3055, an appropriations bill funding various government agencies, which would have struck a provision in the underlying bill that effectively blocked oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge by ensuring that the sales could not go forward unless they raised the large sums of revenues promised in the 2017 tax legislation that mandated those lease sales. Based on revenues generated by lease sales in lands adjacent to the Arctic Refuge, it is extremely unlikely that Arctic Refuge sales could generate the revenues promised, effectively blocking the sales from happening. Drilling in the Arctic Refuge would do irreparable damage to one of America’s most magnificent and wildest landscapes, which is home to polar and brown bears, muskoxen, and birds that migrate from all 50 states and six continents. The indigenous Gwich’in people call the Arctic Refuge’s coastal plain “the sacred place where life begins,” in part because the Porcupine Caribou Herd calves in the area and the Gwich’in rely on these caribou for subsistence food and their spiritual needs. On June 20, the House rejected the Duncan amendment by a vote of 198-233 (House roll call vote 384). NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.” (“National Environment Scorecard, [Lcv](#), Accessed 6/15/22)