To Drill or Not To Drill?

Imagine pollution in your air, the sound of dying animals, and the stench of oil on your beaches. Imagine birds drenched in oil and an oil spill even worse than B.P. Is that what you want for our economy and our environment? Offshore drilling is too much of a risk for Virginia. What if drilling is unsuccessful? What about BP, do you want that to happen again? It could be even worse than last time. What about the president? He’s completely against offshore drilling. What about marine animals and wildlife, do you want to put their lives at risk? Offshore drilling doesn’t sound so good now, does it?

Now, offshore drilling may be necessary for the economy at the moment, but just stop and think about if for a minute. If offshore drilling does not work out the way you intended it to, then you just wasted everything. You wasted the time and money of the government and the taxpayers too. Additionally, you wasted human and capital resources and polluted our land resources. Furthermore, if that oil gets into our water, then you could pollute our seafood supply. Worst of all, you just set the economy back and made it ten times worse. As horrible as our economy already is, offshore drilling is the last thing we need for Virginia.

In fact, our very own president is against offshore drilling for many different reasons. One of those reasons is what happened with the B.P. oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The oil platform exploded and about 1.1 million barrels drifted into the ocean killing a large number of animals. This oil spill might be worse than B.P. and kill lots of animals while polluting the beaches. Also, the oil could stretch over a large area and hit tons of places making the situation worse by the minute. In addition to that, imagine the amount of time and money it would take in order to clean up all that oil.

Finally, think about all the wildlife and marine animals. If Virginia decides to drill offshore, then those animals are put at risk. You could pollute their water supply and their home and possibly kill them. Not to mention, animals such as whales are already endangered, and offshore drilling could hurt them even more. Do you really want to do that to our whales and all the other animals? Are resources really that important to you? Are you really willing to put all those animals’ lives at risk? Have a heart, try putting yourself in the place of those poor creatures. How would you feel if something was built where you live that could jeopardize the health of you and your family? You wouldn’t like that, so why would you put other wildlife families in danger.

Offshore drilling is too much of a risk for Virginia. The economy is already bad enough and if drilling doesn’t work out then that just makes it worse. You would be wasting all that money and time on something that might be completely unsuccessful. You would be wasting your own resources as well. Also, if you just find another way to provide oil for Virginia, all these problems can be easily avoided. Oil is an important resource that everyone needs to fuel their cars, but there has to be another way.