

Widespread Bipartisan Support for Offshore Wind from Government and Industry Leaders



Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker (R) “Offshore wind is an important component of our administration’s efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide affordable energy options and we look forward to continuing to develop the Commonwealth’s emerging offshore wind industry in a sustainable manner that benefits all residents.”



New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) “New Yorkers know all too well the devastating impacts of climate change and the catastrophic consequences if we do not act urgently. By finalizing the contract awards for the nation’s largest offshore wind procurement, we are realizing the positive impacts these projects will have on the environment, while diversifying our economy and bringing significant economic benefits to the Empire State.”



New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu (R) “New Hampshire recognizes the tremendous potential that offshore wind power has to offer. It’s imperative that we go through this process the right way from day one to maximize all the potential benefits of this new industry.”



New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy (D) “There is no other renewable energy resource that provides us with either the electric-generation or economic-growth potential of offshore wind. When we reach our goal of 7,500 megawatts, New Jersey’s offshore wind infrastructure will generate electricity to power more than 3.2 million homes and meet fifty percent of our state’s electric power need. Our offshore wind industry will generate billions of dollars in investments in New Jersey’s future, that will, in turn, create thousands of jobs.”



Virginia Governor Ralph Northam (D) “Virginia has a clear opportunity to act as a leader in driving the development of the U.S. offshore wind industry. Growing the supply chain sector at this early stage will prepare Virginia to competitively deliver the development of our own offshore wind resources in the coming years.”



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Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo (D) “When we built the Block Island wind farm, we positioned Rhode Island as the leader in a brand-new U.S. offshore wind industry. Other states watched us and followed our example. This is a triple-win for our state because it provides affordable, clean energy for Rhode Islanders, adds jobs to our economy, and dramatically reduces carbon emissions.”



Maine Senator Susan Collins (R) “Within 50 miles of the U.S. coast, there is enough offshore wind capacity to power our country four times over. Maine is particularly well-suited to benefit from the growth of this industry, which has the potential to support more than 2,000 good-paying jobs in our state.”



Delaware Senator Tom Carper (D) “I’m proud to be part of the effort to grow the offshore wind industry because making smart investments to move us closer to energy independence is a win-win-win for our economy, our security, our health and our planet.”



U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Acting Director Walter Cruickshank “The demand for offshore wind energy has never been greater. Plummeting costs, technological advances, skyrocketing demand and great economic potential have all combined to make offshore wind a highly promising avenue for adding to a diversified national energy portfolio. The U.S. Outer Continental Shelf provides a world-class wind resource on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.”



Building & Construction Trades Council of Greater New York President Gary LaBarbera “The investment in offshore wind is a significant step for New York State and will lead to the creation of thousands of good paying middle class jobs with benefits.”



National Ocean Industries Association President Erik Milito “The offshore wind energy industry is at the beginning of what many predict will be a tremendous expansion. This growth will create jobs across the United States as some \$70 billion in new capital expenditures enter the market over the next decade.”



Utility Workers Union of America Former President Mike Langford “Fully developing the offshore wind industry’s potential will play a critical role in building out America’s future energy landscape. [Offshore wind is] at the cutting edge of tomorrow’s energy technology and will provide the type of high quality, family-supporting jobs needed for a healthy national economy.”