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Secretary Matthew A. Beaton
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs
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Dear Secretary Beaton:

As the Commonwealth deliberates options received under the 83C RFP for Long-Term Contracts, I wish to offer my insight as a key supporter of the landmark legislation to procure 1600MW of offshore wind power by 2027.

I am fortunate to represent my hometown of New Bedford in the Massachusetts State Senate. This city boasts a proud maritime history filled with success from the industrious whaling era of the 1800s to the hardworking and resilient commercial fishing fleet of today. Our community prides itself on a strong work ethic and sense of self-determination.

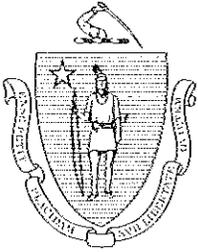
The prospect of a new industry, like offshore wind, entering our historic harbor is a potential economic boon for both New Bedford and the Commonwealth. Deepwater Wind has experience constructing and operating offshore wind farms right here in the United States by virtue of its first-in-the-nation offshore wind farm near Block Island. As such, they are committed to generating construction jobs and permanent operations and maintenance positions. Deepwater has also engaged with multiple community partners, including the innovative UMass Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST).

Overall, this proposal has the potential to provide Massachusetts with a clean, renewable and cost-effective source of electricity. These factors combined with potential job creation and economic growth in New Bedford has thus far convinced me to support this project. I look forward to a robust, fair, and transparent procurement process, and should you have any questions please contact my office at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Montigny".

Mark Montigny
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December 13, 2017

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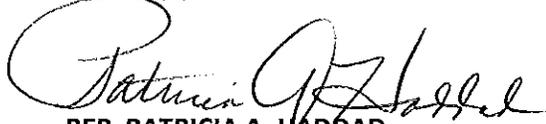
Dear Secretary Beaton,

We write in support of Deep Water Wind which is seeking to participate as an 83C off shore wind project developer here in the Commonwealth. Their procurement of up to 1,600 MW of offshore wind over the next decade will yield significant clean, reliable and cost-effective generation resources needed to replace the growing number of power plants, such as those in our legislative district, which have been shuttered or retired.

It is our feeling that the opportunities presented by offshore wind development off Massachusetts' South Coast will spark new economic activity in our region. Our world-class academic institutions, highly motivated workforce and an advanced industrial base lie all within close proximity to the project area. The South Coast is perfectly situated to host this new, clean energy industry and we are encouraged that Deep Water Wind has made a financial commitment to the economic resurgence of the region and Commonwealth as a whole. We look forward to working with Deep Water Wind and all other offshore wind developers in facilitating future investment for long-term economic growth.

We look forward to the outcome of the upcoming utility procurement process for offshore wind and to the growing role it will play here on the South Coast.

Sincerely yours,


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Speaker Pro Tempore


SEN. MICHAEL J. RODRIGUES,
Majority Whip

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