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Statement from New York Offshore Wind Alliance Director Joe Martens on the Appointment of Amanda Lefton to Lead The Bureau of Offshore Energy Management

Albany, NY – February 1, 2021 - The New York Offshore Wind Alliance applauds the Biden Administration for its appointment of [Amanda Lefton to direct the Bureau of Offshore Energy Management \(BOEM\)](#). This appointment is great news for New York and the nation. Ms. Lefton will join a team of seasoned clean energy experts and will play a critical role in the responsible development of offshore wind energy off the country's coastline. As a key advisor to Governor Cuomo, Ms. Lefton was instrumental in the development and passage of two nation-leading laws: the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and the Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act. Importantly, the CLCPA included the largest offshore wind energy commitment in the United States, which is critical in meeting the law's renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction targets. We look forward to working with Ms. Lefton and her team at BOEM to help advance offshore wind development in the United States.

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About the New York Offshore Wind Alliance: The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) is a diverse coalition of organizations with a shared interest in promoting the responsible development of offshore wind power for New York. NYOWA is a new project of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY). www.aceny.org/NYOWA