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Statement from Joe Martens, Director, New York Offshore Wind Alliance in Response to Lawsuit Against East Hampton Town Board

Albany, NY – February 2, 2021 - Joe Martens, Director of the New York Offshore Wind Alliance, has issued the following statement in response to news that a lawsuit has been filed against the East Hampton Town Board, regarding its recent approval of the real estate easements and community benefit agreement for the South Fork Wind Project.

“The South Fork Wind Project’s easement and host agreement with the Town of East Hampton is a model for the right way to engage a local community in such an important permitting process. It’s the culmination of years of exhaustive study and analysis, extensive public consultation, and collaboration with the local community, which is why the East Hampton Town Board and East Hampton Trustees voted overwhelmingly in support of the project.

Fortunately, it will not stop this critical project from moving forward. The fact is, a small group of super wealthy individuals want to stop a project that will create good paying jobs and electricity free of air pollution for years to come, simply because they don’t want off-season construction near their mansions, when many aren’t likely to be there in any event.”

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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