



February 7, 2022

Carl E. Heastie
Speaker
New York State Assembly
LOB 932
Albany, NY 12248

Andrea Stewart-Cousins
President Pro Tempore
New York State Senate
LOB 907
Albany, NY 12247

**Re: S.8004/A.9004
Capital Projects Budget – Offshore Wind**

Dear Speaker Heastie and President Pro Tempore Stewart-Cousins:

The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA)¹, a collaboration of the world's leading offshore wind project developers, environmental advocates, labor and academia joined together to support a vibrant and responsible offshore wind industry in New York State, strongly support and urge passage of the \$500 million budget request for the development of offshore wind ports, manufacturing, supply chain infrastructure and other related improvements.

New York is well-positioned to be the center of gravity for the emerging U.S. offshore wind industry. With passage of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), New York has established a nation's leading goal of 9,000 MW of offshore wind by 2035, enough clean and renewable generation to power over 6 million homes. The state is nearly halfway towards these goals, having procured over 4,200 MW through competitive solicitations.

Apart from its significant role in addressing humanity's existential threat of climate change, offshore wind is proving to be an engine of economic development and creator of family sustaining jobs. Thanks to New York State's pioneering efforts to build a homegrown offshore wind industry, New York has five ports facilities – from the tip of Long Island at Montauk to the Port of Albany in the Capitol District – under active development, with

¹ NYOWA is an initiative of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY).

investments totaling over \$700 million dollars. Every dollar of state and federal funding for port improvements and manufacturing leverage three dollars of private sector financing. Moreover, these investments are projected to create over 6,800 jobs statewide.

But this is just the start. With a renewed commitment to clean energy development from the federal government, major manufacturers are seeing the U.S. offshore wind as a sustainable and significant growth opportunity. New York is in competition with neighboring states and regions, each with their own ambitious offshore wind goals, to secure a share of the supply chain opportunity which, according to a recent University of Delaware analysis, totals more than \$109 billion dollars.

This budget request represents a significant opportunity to maintain and expand New York's leadership in this new U.S.-based heavy industry. Funding will help with the continued revitalization and expansion of New York's world-class and geographically widespread network of ports and harbors, and in attracting major component manufacturers and sub-suppliers to the state. Offshore wind has a diverse array of needs for such facilities to support manufacturing at quayside of major components, pre-assembly and marshaling for offshore construction, servicing of vessels, and ongoing operations and maintenance activities.

For the above reasons, the New York Offshore Wind Alliance supports this budget request. For more information contact Fred Zalcman, NYOWA Director at (475) 204-4762.

Sincerely,

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Fred Zalcman
Director, NYOWA

C: Robert G. Ortt, Senate Minority Leader
Liz Kruger, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Crystal D. Peoples-Spokes, Assembly Majority Leader
William A. Barclay, Assembly Minority Leader
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