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January 30th, 2023

## 12 New Jersey Coastal Mayors Unite in Calling for a Moratorium on All Offshore Wind Activity Until Investigations are Held

Dear Members of the New Jersey Delegation,

The 12 undersigned mayors of New Jersey coastal communities stand united in their concern about the unprecedented number of whales that have washed ashore recently and call for an immediate moratorium on all offshore wind activities until an investigation is held by federal and state agencies that confidently determines these activities are not a contributing factor to recent whale deaths.

On January 12th, the 7th dead whale in 38 days washed ashore in Brigantine, New Jersey. The unprecedented number of whale strandings coincides with ongoing activity from acoustic survey vessels for the development of offshore wind.

While we are not opposed to clean energy, we are concerned about the impacts these projects may already be having on our environment. We urge you to take action now to prevent future deaths from needlessly occurring on our shorelines.

We thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

PATRICK ROSENELLO

Mayor of North Wildwood

Judith M. davies-Dunhour

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