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James Anderson
Acting Director
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Acting Director Anderson:

As you know, on January 20th President Donald J. Trump formally acted to revoke former President Biden's Executive Order 14008, publishing his own Executive Order implementing a temporary pause of all approvals of offshore wind projects.

As reported, this pause remains in effect pending the release of a comprehensive assessment and review of the Federal wind leasing process to examine its many shortcomings, including, "potential inadequacies in various environmental reviews required by the National Environmental Policy Act."

Given President Trump's actions, I wish to confirm that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) does not intend to continue with the already questionable approval process for proposed offshore wind projects until or if the pause is released. In the interim, it would seem to reason that BOEM will stop any action related to the Environmental Impact Statement for the Vineyard Mid-Atlantic project off the coast of New Jersey. Similarly, the order appears to indicate the scheduled public meetings on the project set for February 6, 11, and 19 should be cancelled. Does BOEM intend to make this change and if so, how and when will the public be notified?

As the meeting dates are fast approaching, I respectfully request a response no later than February 5, 2025. Should you have any questions please contact me at 202-225-3765 or my staff, Liam McDonough, at Liam.McDonough@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress