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Kris Ohleth
Director, Special Initiative on Offshore Wind
University of Delaware

May 5, 2021

Dear Ms. Ohleth:

As chairs of the Senate Environment and Energy and House Energy Committees, we would like to express our support for the letter sent to you by the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control on April 14. In this letter, Secretary Garvin requests the Special Initiative on Offshore Wind (SIOW) conduct a study of potential power solicitation, and options for such a procurement. We join him in encouraging the conduction of this study. Secretary Garvin adds that DNREC would like to “take a deeper look” at the current offshore wind market, and that “DNREC would like to take advantage of the expertise and market insight that the SIOW can provide.”

In our roles as chairs and vice chairs of the committees charged with dealing with energy concerns, we see the value such a study would have. We assure you that our committees will review the results of the SIOW report and give the report conclusions due consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senator Stephanie Hansen, Chair
Senate Environment and Energy Committee

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Senator Trey Paradee, Vice Chair
Senate Environment and Energy Committee

Handwritten signature of William B. Bush, IV in cursive.

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Representative David Bentz, Vice-Chair
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Cc: Shawn Garvin, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control