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To Whom It May Concern:

As a life-long resident of the City of South Amboy and an elected representative of my community, I am proud to support a project proposed by Rise Light & Power. Rise's Outerbridge Renewable Connector is what I like to call "the missing link" in many ways.

It's a missing link to offshore wind developers who have, for years, tried to find locations that don't require expensive, heavy machinery and disruptive construction to land cables ashore. As the Union Representative for Dockbuilders/Timbermann Local Union 1556, we are often the first on the construction site and I know the rigors of construction first hand.

It's a missing link to good-paying union jobs. I'm proud this project will be under a PLA and exclusively with NJ-based union labor. I can't think of anything more important to building large infrastructure projects than to make absolutely sure it's union construction.

It's a missing link to economic benefits for our community. Large projects like these that are passive use and industrially-zoned are large contributors to our local property taxes. With rising costs due to inflation and other global events, lower-income and middle-class families are struggling. We need to do everything we can to support our local communities.

Finally, it's a missing link for the State of New Jersey. This project will place our Garden State on the map as the epi-center for jobs and economic development. Most importantly, it's a signal to other states to follow South Amboy's lead of using fossil infrastructure as a missing link to our clean energy future.

Brian McLaughlin

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