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I write to offer my support for the Boardwalk Powerlink projects submitted by Anbaric Development Partners to the Board of Public Utilities as part of the SAA Transmission Solicitation.

As a coastal legislator in Monmouth County, I appreciate the state's commitment to renewable and clean energy sources, such as offshore wind, as our communities face the real impacts of climate change and sea level rise. However, we are a county economy that relies on and benefits tremendously from the tourism industry at our Jersey Shore. I want to make sure that the State protects that economy as we work to construct and deliver wind energy to the grid in an efficient and environmentally sensitive manner that causes the least disruption to any community. I was glad to see the state leading the industry through this solicitation which aims to do just that, by planning and minimizing the number of cables that will be needed to deliver wind energy.

I have had the opportunity to meet with Anbaric, a US-based employee-owned company, and appreciate their proactive commitment to working with the County and municipalities as a partner. The proposals submitted by Anbaric offer a sensible solution to deliver offshore wind energy through a system that can meet the state's needs today and into the future.

I have been assured by Anbaric, and others conducting offshore wind projects, that the areas where cable will be brought on land will come in underground, unobtrusively and with little disturbance to the surrounding area, aesthetic or otherwise. I look forward to being part of ensuring that any projects located in my district will be welcomed by, and beneficial to, our residents upon the Board of Public Utilities award in this solicitation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator Declan J. O'Scanlon, Jr. 13th Legislative District