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To: Secretary, BPUBoard [BPU] <Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please generously fund ocean bioregional pre-development research so we can support clean energy (DOCKET NO. QO24020126 – 2024 ENERGY MASTER PLAN)

Dear Board Secretary Sherri L. Golden,

As a New Jersey resident, I'm writing to you on Docket Number QO24020126 to urge you to ensure that the updated Energy Master Plan creates the framework for a comprehensive research protocol for transparent effects on any impacts to our ocean bioregion, as recommended by The National Academies Report, "Potential Hydrodynamic Impacts of Offshore Wind Energy"

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An open and independent investigation will allow all our communities to support wind energy when we understand how to best limit and reduce harmful impacts.

Climate change affects everyone regardless of zip code, so I urge you to implement a plan that greatly reduces our emissions in a way that also benefits our communities and improves people's lives.

To reach our clean energy goals and reduce emissions, New Jersey must reduce harmful pollution from the transportation sector, decrease emissions from the building sector, maximize energy efficiency, and help residents lower their energy bills.

Lastly, I urge you to think about New Jersey's most vulnerable communities who may not have access to these clean energy sources in all facets of the plan. In order to make a fair transition to clean energy, all New Jerseyans must have access to affordable clean energy.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to New Jersey's clean energy future!

Sincerely,

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