



August 22, 2023

Jeffrey Willis, Executive Director  
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RI Coastal Resources Management Council  
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Dear Jeffrey,

I write to express support for the Sunrise Wind project.

Blount Boats has been building state-of-the art vessels at our full-service shipyard in Warren for over 70 years. We've worked on a great number of complex projects throughout our long history but it would be difficult to find a project more interesting than the vessels we are building to support the U.S. offshore wind industry.

We had the opportunity to build the *Atlantic Pioneer*, America's first service vessel solely dedicated to supporting offshore wind farms. Since then, Blount Boats has emerged as a leader in the CTV space, having built two of the three U.S. flagged CTVs in operation. We are currently building two 30m CTVs which will be used on Orsted's northeast projects including Sunrise Wind. We hope to build many more windfarm vessels in the state of Rhode Island.

Sunrise Wind is good for Rhode Island's economy and the region's environment. We at Blount Boats urge you to approve this project and keep our state's momentum going.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcia".

Marcia Blount  
President