



Jeffrey Willis, Executive Director
Kevin Sloan
RI Coastal Resources Management Council
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Dear Director Willis and Mr. Sloan:

On behalf of the New York League of Conservation Voters, I write in support of Sunrise Wind, a project that will power more than 600,000 homes and reduce emissions by 1.72 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually, the equivalent of taking approximately 370,000 vehicles off the road each year.

The offshore wind industry is critical to meeting national and state renewable clean energy goals, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, and improving public health. Rhode Island has been an important industry leader in this space, propelling states throughout the northeast and mid-Atlantic to set ambitious offshore wind goals in pursuit of cleaner air.

The promise of new economic opportunities has also been an important industry catalyst, the benefits of which Rhode Island has been the first to realize, with hundreds of jobs accruing to the state from the nation's early projects. This early commitment to offshore wind has effectively positioned the state to play a lasting role in the industry, even for projects that will not deliver power to the state.

The advancement of Sunrise Wind is pivotal to New York's ability to achieve its offshore wind goal of building 9GW of power by 2035, and it will deliver regional benefits – to Rhode Island in particular -- in the form of cleaner air and jobs.

The timely advance of Sunrise Wind is also critical to the industry at large, particularly now as some projects have faltered in the wake of unprecedented and unforeseen macroeconomic conditions.

The fate of early projects like Sunrise Wind will determine the future of offshore wind for the nation. Without it, our clean energy goals are out of reach in the northeast, and our children and

grandchildren will suffer the consequences of our inaction. I urge you to vote to advance Sunrise Wind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Tighe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Tighe
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Mr. Willis Jeffrey and Mr. Sloan-

On behalf of the New York League of Conservation Voters, I write in support of the Sunrise Wind project. The advancement of Sunrise Wind is pivotal to meet New York's clean energy goals and reduce our reliance on polluting fossil fuels. Please find more information in the attached letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration –
Julie

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