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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement
Office of Offshore Alternative Energy Programs
Mail Stop 4090
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Herndon, VA 20170-4817

Dear Ms. Maureen Bornholdt,

We are writing to request that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), working with the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Task Force, include criteria giving additional consideration to community-based projects in the Request for Interest (RFI) process. Ensuring that a process is outlined whereby community-based projects are able to compete with larger commercial projects appropriately levels the playing field. Also, as the Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan has shown, it is a tool to gain community support for projects and to ensure community input.

As elected officials for the Massachusetts communities surrounding the RFI area, we understand the benefit and necessity of community input and benefit from any offshore project. We believe including criteria in the RFI for additional consideration of community based projects can achieve both of those goals. We respectfully request that the Task Force discuss the inclusion of additional consideration of community based projects at the next scheduled meeting, and ultimately be supported by the Task Force and BOEM in the final RFI process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or comments on our request, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Very Truly Yours,

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Robert A. O'Leary
Massachusetts State Senator
Cape & Islands District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy R. Madden".

Timothy R. Madden
Massachusetts House of Representatives
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