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The Honorable Joseph Solomon, Chairman
House Corporations Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H5816 – Support

Dear Chairman Solomon and Members of the Committee,

SouthCoast Wind is writing to express strong support for H5816, a critical piece of legislation that will advance Rhode Island's clean energy future by ensuring a stable and predictable offshore wind procurement process. This bill is essential to maintaining the state's leadership in offshore wind, providing economic benefits to Rhode Island communities, and supporting the state's clean energy and climate goals.

SouthCoast Wind has been selected in a recent multi-state procurement and is currently negotiating the terms of a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for 200 MW of offshore wind power for Rhode Island. This project represents a significant opportunity to bring clean, renewable energy to the state while delivering substantial economic and workforce benefits.

SouthCoast Wind's selection in the multi-state procurement was made possible because the Rhode Island legislature passed the Affordable Clean Energy Security Act and included an offshore wind procurement target. The inclusion of a procurement target sent a strong signal to market that Rhode Island intended to participate in the offshore wind market. This market signal spurred interest and investment from offshore wind developers, such as SouthCoast Wind.

Passage of H5816 will increase the existing procurement target and provide a clear and consistent market signal and procurement framework to ensure that Rhode Island remains an attractive market for offshore wind investment. SouthCoast Wind suggests that the legislature make clear that the megawatt (MW) targets are *in addition* to the megawatts provided by projects that are either already under contract or in negotiation.

H5816 strengthens the Affordable Clean Energy Security Act by requiring a staggered and competitive offshore wind procurement process, which fosters industry confidence and encourages long-term investment. By ensuring local hiring, supply chain development, and workforce training in disadvantaged communities, this legislation will maximize economic benefits for Rhode Islanders while advancing the state's clean energy targets.



Additionally, H5816 prioritizes environmental and fisheries mitigation efforts, ensuring that offshore wind projects are developed in a responsible and balanced manner. By supporting this legislation, Rhode Island can continue to grow a sustainable offshore wind industry while securing affordable, reliable clean energy for its residents.

It is crucial that Rhode Island maintains a stable and predictable regulatory environment to ensure the successful execution of this and future projects. SCW respectfully submits this letter in support of H5816, which will help solidify Rhode Island's leadership in offshore wind energy and drive economic growth in the state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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