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MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP AND TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF OFFSHORE WIND FARMS

Mount Laurel, NJ --- Mount Laurel Township and Township Council offer our strong support to the development and construction of offshore wind farms in New Jersey. There are numerous short-term, long-term, and environmental benefits to this development. The Township and Township Council encourage all citizens, businesses, and municipal officials to recognize and support the state and local governments efforts to bring offshore wind to New Jersey.

The State continues to be a leader in green and renewable energy, hoping to secure our future generations ability to breathe clean air and reduce the devastating effects of climate change.

"New Jersey leaders have an economic and moral obligation to support Offshore Wind which would create thousands of high income, white collar and blue collar jobs while drastically reducing dangerous greenhouse gases," stated Mayor Stephen Steglik. "These jobs would put more money in the pockets of hard working neighbors, friends, and families, strengthen New Jersey's middle class while preserving our environment for generations to come."

The NJ Board of Public Utilities has estimated that the construction of said wind farms will add \$4.7 billion to the state economy, and will create more than 10,000 good paying new jobs and career opportunities in the state. The result of this job creation will lead to longer-term benefits, as billions of dollars will be added to the economy and create a positive impact on our environment.

Mount Laurel Township and Township Council recognize we need to be part of the solution by embracing clean, renewable energy to power our local businesses and homes, revitalize our community, grow our economy, and empower our next generation for a sustainable future.

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