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**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

June 27, 2019

Richard Husband  
10 Mallard Court  
Litchfield, NH 03052

Dear Richard,

Thank you for reaching out to my office regarding offshore wind energy.

My administration has taken the first steps and we are working with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to establish a task force that will facilitate the coordination and consultation among federal, state, and local governments on renewable energy options in federal waters in the Gulf of Maine. The task force will undertake a public process over the next 1-2 years, which will include multiple public hearings.

The Gulf of Maine is one of the strongest opportunities for offshore wind production in the world. Offshore turbine energy is extremely efficient and emission free, and nineteen towns in New Hampshire have sent letters of support for the project. There are also numerous potential economic benefits, including establishing supply chain infrastructure in New Hampshire for our state and the entire region. The New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs is leading the charge to make the seacoast a hub for economic development of offshore wind.

As an environmental engineer, I am dedicated to New Hampshire's long and proud tradition of responsible environmental stewardship. Please know that the wind turbines would all be located in federal waters, at least 3 miles offshore. Throughout this process, New Hampshire will be listening to other states that have moved first on offshore wind energy, and learn from their experiences in balancing clean energy and protecting the ecosystem on New Hampshire's coastline. Every part of this project will go through permitting and BOEM approval for effects on the environment.

I will continue to work towards improving renewable energy options and lowering electric rates for Granite Staters. Again, thank you for contacting my office and please do not hesitate to get in touch with my office about other issues of concern to you.

Sincerely,

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

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor

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