

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 29, 2015

Dr. Ernest Moniz, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Fishermen's Energy Atlantic City Windfarm, LLC
U.S. Offshore Wind: Advanced Technology Demonstration Project

Dear Secretary Moniz:

We write in regard to the U.S. Department of Energy's current review of its 2014 Offshore Wind Advanced Technology Demonstration Project funding to Fishermen's Energy Atlantic City Windfarm, LLC.

New Jersey remains the perfect laboratory for an offshore wind demonstration project. With a gently sloping continental shelf, abundant offshore resources, ports, manufacturing, and a well-equipped labor force, New Jersey is uniquely positioned to manage and meet the needs of this nascent industry. Given the population concentrations in New Jersey, the retirement of aging fossil fuel generation, and the robust demand for electricity in the State and region, we can ill afford to wait to unlock the potential of the clean, renewable energy resources. For these reasons, we believe strongly that the Fishermen's Energy project is deserving of continued support.

The federal government, particularly the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office in the Department of Energy and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management in the Department of the Interior, have provided the leadership at the federal level that has ensured the progress we have seen to date in the development of offshore wind energy. We believe New Jersey can play a significant role in moving the offshore wind industry forward, and we request that the Department of Energy give all due consideration to its continued support of the Fishermen's Energy Atlantic City Windfarm. The project stands to bring new investment, jobs, and the benefits of the burgeoning offshore wind industry to New Jersey.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez
United States Senator



Cory A. Booker
United States Senator