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Governor Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Haley,

We witnessed an historic moment this summer off the coast of Rhode Island, with the groundbreaking of the first offshore wind power project in United States waters. The start of construction on the Block Island Wind Farm was a gigantic leap forward for the U.S. offshore wind industry --- and now it's time to build on that momentum.

The potential here is enormous. All we need to do is look at Europe's example of more than two decades of producing offshore wind power, positively transforming local economies and energy landscapes.

Here in the U.S., the untapped offshore wind resource on the Eastern Seaboard is one of the most powerful in the world. Offshore wind is within reach of some of the most densely populated areas in the country where energy demands are high and new energy options are few.

We can already see the effects of climate change threatening our wildlife and coastal communities. It's time to chart a new energy course we can be proud of, and embrace the environmental and economic benefits of responsibly developed offshore wind power.

I urge you to ensure that offshore wind power plays a major role in our state's energy future.

Sincerely,

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