The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Room H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Bristol Community College’s National Offshore Wind Institute.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Bristol Community College Foundation, Inc., located at Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA 02720.

The funding would be used to address a significant gap in workforce skills and training and needed career pipeline support for the offshore wind industry that Bristol has identified. The National Offshore Wind Institute (NOWI) was developed to address these gaps and industry and supply chain needs including the important Global Wind Organization (GWO) Basic Safety and Basic Technical training required for offshore wind workers. The NOWI will offer GWO and other required accreditations, skill development for the workforce pipeline, and customized private sector training for the developers, Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and supply chain companies. The NOWI will offer professional development training, focused on skills and competencies required for careers in the offshore wind industry, with connections to the Bristol academic offshore wind associate degree and certificate. The NOWI will also provide entrepreneurs, small businesses, and existing sectors with innovation and business development support.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

JAKE AUCHINCLOSS
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021