

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 5, 2023

Rear Admiral Anne Phillips  
Administrator, Maritime Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Phillips:

We write to express our full support for Baltimore County's application for a Maritime Administration FY 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program grant for its Baltimore Offshore Wind Manufacturing Hub project.

Grant funding will support the Baltimore Offshore Wind Manufacturing Hub located at the former site of the Bethlehem Steel shipyard and the future site of Sparrows Point Steel—Maryland's first permanent offshore wind component factory. Sparrows Point Steel has the potential to be one of the largest offshore wind staging ports in the United States, creating an estimated 500 good-paying manufacturing, construction, and logistics jobs, most of which will be union jobs, as part of a new, sustainable, domestic supply chain. The facility will have significant marshalling and storage land, as well as considerable quayside access and an adjacent dry dock, making it one of the most competitive offshore wind marshalling hubs on the East Coast. Grant funding will prepare the site for handling heavy components and installing equipment to load specialized cargoes for offshore wind sites.

We request your full consideration for Baltimore County's application to support the growth of the offshore wind industry in Maryland and the achievement of national goals for offshore wind and domestic manufacturing related to clean energy development.

Sincerely,



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Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senator




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Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senator



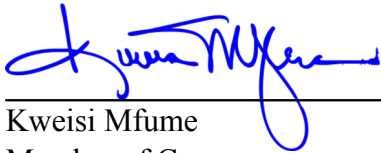
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