

# The Restoring Offshore Wind Opportunities Act



H.R. 2635 and S.3808

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*"As we look for ways to lower energy costs and protect our environment, wind power is helping us build a cleaner economy and a brighter future for all Americans."*

❖ Paul Tonko

## Offshore wind is the future

- In 2021, the U.S. set a national goal to deploy 30GW of offshore wind energy by 2030
- This new industry will generate clean and reliable electricity to **power 10 million homes, create 77,000 jobs, and cut 78 million metric tons of carbon emissions**
- Offshore wind is an opportunity for the entire nation;
  - component manufacturers in New York, steel manufacturers in West Virginia and Maryland, and shipbuilders in Texas are all critical parts of this vital industry

## Arbitrary ban threatens deployment

- In September 2020, President Trump withdrew areas off the coasts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida from new offshore oil and gas leasing
- Due to the memoranda's broad and imprecise language, the 10-year ban arbitrarily applies to offshore wind as well

## Congress Must Act Now!

**This arbitrary offshore wind leasing ban imperils a critical new wave of clean energy deployment right here in the U.S. when it is needed most.**

### The Restoring Offshore Wind Opportunities Act

- ❖ Overturns the Trump-era offshore wind leasing ban in North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida to jumpstart clean energy deployment and create high quality jobs across the nation
- ❖ **Supporting Organizations:** *U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Clean Power Association, American Waterways Operators, National Association of Manufacturers, National Ocean Industries Association, League of Conservation Voters, National Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, Oceana, Ocean Conservancy, Southeastern Wind Coalition, and Southern Environmental Law Center*

***We must ensure that the entire nation can be part of this vital new industry to secure our clean energy future. Congress can act now!***