



The Offshore Energy Modernization Act

119th Congress

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"Offshore wind holds tremendous promise for our nation's clean energy economy of the future."

❖ Paul Tonko

Offshore wind propels economic opportunity

- Since 2021, the U.S. has approved 11 offshore wind projects, putting us halfway to a target of 30 gigawatts by 2030. Hitting that target would:
 - Support **77,000 quality, domestic jobs**
 - Generate sustainable and reliable electricity to **power more than 10 million homes**
 - Cut **78 million metric tons** of carbon dioxide emissions
- In 2022, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's auction for six lease areas in the New York Bight set records, raising **\$4.37 billion in Federal revenue** and illustrating the promise of this industry
- All parts of the U.S. will benefit from this emerging industry – from component manufacturers in Upstate New York to steel plants in West Virginia and shipbuilders in Texas.

Attacks on wind energy are sabotaging progress

- On day one, President Trump issued an executive order blocking all new approvals, permits, and funding for wind energy, both on and offshore. Since then:
 - Wind energy production projections through 2029 have been **slashed by almost 60%**.
 - **\$16 billion of industry investments** are at risk.
 - Projects in Maine, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and New York have been **delayed or cancelled**.
- There are currently over **40 gigawatts of offshore wind projects in the pipeline**, but without strong federal leadership, transparent permitting and leasing, and infrastructure investment these projects face uncertainty, putting the future of this emerging industry in jeopardy.

Congress can provide certainty for stakeholders!

The Offshore Energy Modernization Act of 2025 is the first comprehensive federal legislation to support long-term and responsible offshore wind development in the United States. This bill:

- ❖ Reforms the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to better reflect the realities of offshore wind development and provide long-term certainty for this emerging industry.
- ❖ Facilitates **timely and efficient permitting** of offshore renewable energy projects by providing funding for early, frequent, and robust community engagement, including Tribal consultation.
- ❖ Ensures that offshore renewable energy projects support good-paying, union jobs and a reliable, domestic supply chain.
- ❖ Invests in **marine and coastal habitat protection and compensates fishing interests** that have been impacted by offshore wind development.
- ❖ Establishes the Offshore Power Administration to provide Federal assistance to advance shared offshore transmission infrastructure.
- ❖ Creates new Department of Energy grant and loan guarantee opportunities to support U.S. shipbuilding needed to construct offshore wind projects.