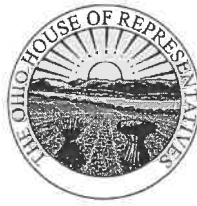


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April 10, 2019

Sam Randazzo, Chairman
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus Ohio 43215

Re: Project Icebreaker / OPSB Application

Dear Chairman Randazzo:

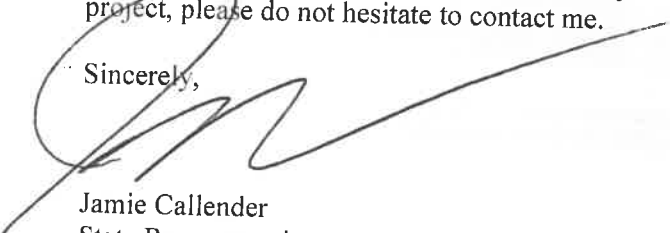
I write today in strong support of Icebreaker Wind's Ohio Power Siting Board application to construct a demonstration scale wind farm in the fresh water of Lake Erie. This 6-turbine, 20-megawatt renewable energy resource to be located eight miles off the coast of downtown Cleveland holds great promise for our energy future.

Icebreaker will bring both economic and environmental benefits to Northeast Ohio. It is providing local manufacturers the opportunity to participate in the vast and growing offshore wind supply chain, an industry for which Ohio is very well-suited. This source of clean energy would be the first of its kind in United States fresh water and, over time, could ultimately power tens of thousands of homes and businesses. With its zero emission, fixed cost energy, the project can also help attract businesses seeking clean power in the region, creating more jobs for Ohioans and boosting our economy.

Over the last several years, Icebreaker has worked diligently to obtain the necessary permits to move forward. The U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Department of State, and the Ohio EPA (among other agencies) have weighed in with the necessary regulatory approvals. The U.S. Department of Energy is supporting the project with a \$50 million grant. *The Ohio Power Siting Board is the only approval not yet granted.* I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve this demonstration project so regulatory red tape and bureaucratic delay do not jeopardize Ohio's leadership position in the offshore wind industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts and, if I can be of additional support on the project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Jamie Callender
State Representative
District 61

CC: Mary Mertz, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
The Honorable Dave Yost, Ohio Attorney General

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