

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 10, 2020

Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Andrew Cuomo,

As representatives of Sunset Park and Brooklyn's working waterfront, we write to thank you for your leadership on a green energy future and in support of a project that can play a key role in realizing that future: Empire Wind's Port Infrastructure Improvement Plan to reactivate South Brooklyn Marine Terminal (SBMT) through NYSERDA's phase two offshore wind procurement.

Empire Wind proposes the nation's first offshore wind supply chain to support construction, assembly, installation and operation of offshore wind facilities. SBMT is in the largest Industrial Business Zone in New York City and is perfectly situated as the port facility to deploy offshore wind farms off the coast of Long Island and New England (Beacon Wind). In fact, the terminal is less than one day's sail from each of the nine East Coast wind farm development areas designated by the Federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. The Southwest Brooklyn waterfront in New York City's Upper Bay has capacity for deep-draft vessels delivering components, and SBMT has more than seventy unencumbered acres for assembly and deployment. It is also well situated for maintenance and transmission as part of an industrial business zone.

A project at SBMT will be part of the ecosystem of working waterfront we foster in Brooklyn. It is also located in an environmental justice community and can offer equitable economic opportunity for residents and area small businesses through training, workforce development and contracting. Indeed, this project is well suited to meet the goals set out five years ago by the Sunset Park Waterfront Planning and Jobs Task Force to maximize the waterfront's potential as an economic hub of traditional and innovating industries, job creation and workforce development.

While the Mayor committed \$57 million for the project at SBMT earlier this year, State resources play a critical role in making the project possible. We fully support retooling our economy for a green energy future while adding real manufacturing jobs right here in Brooklyn. We are proud that Brooklyn can help lead the way in realizing the goals set out in the State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and the City's Climate Mobilization Act as we seek infrastructure investments for a Green New Deal. We request that NYSERDA provide full and fair consideration of this application, consistent with applicable rules, law and regulation. With all levels of government working together, the future can be bright.

Sincerely,



Nydia M. Velázquez
Member of Congress



Jerrold Nadler
Member of Congress

Cc: Doreen Harris, Acting President, NY State Energy Research and Development Authority