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The Honorable John Laird
Chair, Ocean Protection Council
Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: UC Berkeley Labor Center Proposition 84 Research Proposal - SUPPORT

Dear Secretary Laird:

I write on behalf of the State Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, to express our support for the Ocean Protection Council Proposition 84 Sea Grant research proposal by the UC Berkeley Labor Center, titled "California Offshore Wind: Workforce and Grid Integration Analysis."

This research would fill important information gaps needed to evaluate the economic benefits and jobs impact of current proposals for developing offshore wind farms in California. The Building Trades on the East Coast have been major supporters of Atlantic Ocean offshore wind development because it has demonstrated the capacity to generate large numbers of high-quality jobs while generating renewable energy. The State Building Trades of California is very interested in obtaining solid research to evaluate proposals for Pacific Ocean offshore wind farms.

The UC Berkeley Labor Center has done previous high-quality research on renewable energy jobs impacts, and they are currently doing a major research study for the state's Labor and Workforce Development Agency to be submitted to the Legislature in the coming months. In closing, we believe the Labor Center has the credibility and the track record to do this research on offshore wind. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Legislative Director

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