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Mayor Mitchell Issues Statement on Healey-Driscoll Administration's Offshore Wind Energy Proposal

New Bedford, MA – New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell issued the following statement in response to the Healey-Driscoll Administration's filing today of a draft RFP for Massachusetts' fourth offshore wind procurement:

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration has demonstrated real leadership with its decision to create a strong, predictable incentive for wind developers to include robust economic development commitments in their proposals for future offshore wind energy projects.

We in New Bedford have long expressed concern that Massachusetts was not keeping up with its competitor states in incentivizing wind industry investment. Today's announcement represents an important course correction in state policy and puts New Bedford in a stronger position to establish itself as a national leader of this emerging industry."

— **Mayor Jon Mitchell**