

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to you regarding funding for the Salem Offshore Wind Terminal project through the FY2022 Port Infrastructure Development grant program.

The City of Salem is seeking to redevelop the historic port of Salem, Massachusetts, into a new, world class heavy-lift deployment facility for offshore wind marshalling operations. The proposed facility will be constructed on 42 acres of remediated waterfront property with a deep-water dock and more than 2,300 linear feet of frontage on Salem Harbor.

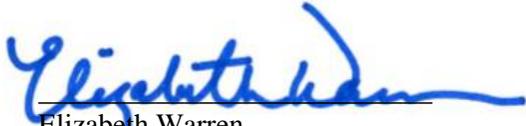
With sufficient upland area and a deep-water federally maintained navigation channel with no height or width limitations, Salem is uniquely positioned to support the needs of the Commonwealth for offshore wind deployment. The site is among a very short list of ports in the country with the physical characteristics necessary for marshalling of fixed bottom and future floating offshore wind turbines. With this project, the Commonwealth has an opportunity to increase its collective port capacity and retain its position as the first mover and leader in U.S. offshore wind development.

This project represents a significant step in supporting the Commonwealth in reaching its renewable energy goals while providing social, environmental, business, and economic benefits to Salem and surrounding communities. Through this partnership, the Port of Salem will be developed into a marshalling hub for the deployment of over two gigawatts of already approved offshore wind capacity in the initial five-year port utilization period alone. Finally, this project will leverage private investment as part of the overall project funding.

We request your full and fair consideration of this critical project. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Markey
United States Senator


Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator


Seth Moulton
Member of Congress