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Members of the California Legislature:

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and its affiliate the Inlandboatmen's Union (IBU) represent both dockworkers and seafarers on the West Coast including in California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, and Alaska. We are excited to welcome offshore wind to the State of California and look forward to the many benefits and jobs offshore wind will provide for our members and the community. As the legislative session gets underway and you consider legislation, the ILWU and IBU offer our expertise, which will be key to establishing successful offshore wind projects in the State.

ILWU dockworker jurisdiction includes the loading and unloading of vessels, barges, rail, and trucks at waterfront terminals; the tracking of cargo around port terminals; and the maintenance and repair of containers and cargo-handling equipment. ILWU workers have performed this work on the west coast since 1937. IBU jurisdiction includes operating tugboats, barges, dredges, and water taxis. IBU workers have performed this work since the IBU was founded in 1918. With nearly a century of experience, the ILWU and IBU have both the knowledge and historic jurisdictional footprint necessary to be a key player in the burgeoning offshore wind industry's workforce. **We have concerns that negotiated Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and lease terms will extend the PLA scope of work beyond construction, impinging on traditional ILWU jurisdiction.**

The ILWU and IBU are committed to working with federal and state governments, harbor districts, and local stakeholders to ensure a timely roll out of offshore wind at the Port of Humboldt and beyond and look forward to opportunities for continued collaboration as offshore wind projects progress throughout the State. The ILWU and IBU will play a critical role in ensuring that offshore wind energy jobs—from turbine unloading, to offshore wind platform maintenance, to barge transport—are safe, well-paying union jobs.

The ILWU has participated in the California Energy Commission (CEC) hearings to implement AB 525 (Chiu) and is working with regulators to ensure success. Offshore wind will help the State of California combat climate change impacts while also creating an industry that can provide good paying union jobs in our communities.

We look forward to continued collaboration as offshore wind takes off on the West Coast.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'William E. Adams'.

William E. Adams
International President