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Ms. Jessica Stromberg
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Dear Ms. Stromberg:

I am writing on behalf of the residents of the Borough of Longport, NJ, who will be impacted by the Atlantic Shores South offshore wind project.

Due to the sheer size of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Atlantic Shores South offshore wind project, I am respectfully requesting a minimum of a 90-day to 135-day extension of the public comment period so that our citizens can thoroughly review the information and provide valuable comments.

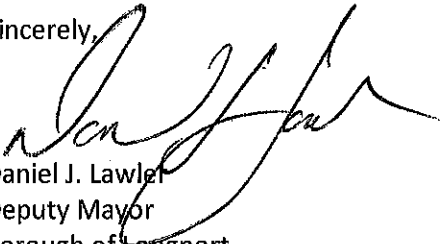
The DEIS and its appendices, including the Construction and Operations Plan itself, total more than 6,200 pages. This amounts to a 4x increase over the length of the DEIS for Ocean Wind 1, which was granted only a minimal and insufficient extension in 2022 of 15 days.

Contrary to the stated intention, the sheer length of the document and the limited review period of 45 days precludes meaningful public input, and is not consistent with a number of provisions of the Council of Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act rules.

To properly respond to the DEIS in a meaningful capacity, our citizens must be provided a reasonable amount of time to comprehend this vast document and prepare their comments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Lawler
Deputy Mayor
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cc:

Jeff Van Drew, U.S. Congressman
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