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Jean Thurston  
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Dear Ms. Thurston:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in support of Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) and their consortium of Redwood Coast Offshore Wind partners in their efforts to obtain a lease to develop an area off the Coast of Humboldt County for wind energy production. Humboldt County is a proponent of developing a local clean energy industry that would bring increased job opportunities, economic development, and renewable energy for our homes and businesses.

We support California's effort to address climate change by setting ambitious renewable energy goals, reducing dependence on foreign energy sources, and lowering statewide greenhouse gas emissions. Rising sea levels are making coastal communities like ours more vulnerable to catastrophic events that result from the changing climate. These realities make a project of this scale imperative to our current energy transition.

Renewable energy development will play a key role in Humboldt County's future, and we support RCEA leading the way. The organization has a robust record of accomplishment when it comes to local energy initiatives and has been working for months to educate and unite our community in support of offshore wind. We appreciate local partners who make thoughtful, collaborative decisions and who prioritize the needs of the community, as RCEA has done in the past. The consortium they selected to investigate this project was built upon input from local advisors who focused on how this would benefit our community.

We encourage BOEM to swiftly process Redwood Coast Offshore Wind's unsolicited lease application for the area submitted. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Ryan Sundberg, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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