

# **WIND WORKS FOR MARYLAND!**

## **WIND WORKS FOR JOBS**

Maryland has already invested in two gigawatts of offshore wind, which has resulted in commitments to provide \$3.5 billion in economic benefits for the state, 7,000 job years of work, and the revival of union steel jobs in Maryland.

## **WIND WORKS FOR LOWERING COSTS**

The cost of offshore wind energy is falling so fast that it is now cheaper than fossil-fuel based electricity. A 2022 peer reviewed study found that building a total of 8.5 gigawatts of offshore wind energy could save Marylanders between \$4.7 and \$28.5 billion over 30 years.

## **WIND WORKS FOR HEALTH**

Air pollution sickens or kills thousands of Marylanders every year, disproportionately affecting communities of color. Offshore wind is a clean, renewable energy source that will improve Maryland's air quality and health outcomes.

## **The POWER Act:**

The Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources (POWER) Act of 2023 (Senate Bill 0781 / House Bill 0793) will build more wind turbines off of Maryland's coast, creating jobs, improving health outcomes, and lowering energy costs. It is endorsed by top labor organizations, justice groups, businesses, and environmental organizations.

The POWER Act would build a transmission line to carry offshore wind to consumers statewide, procure approximately one additional gigawatt of offshore wind energy, strengthen labor standards, and set a goal for a total of 8.5 gigawatts of offshore wind energy for Maryland by 2031.

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