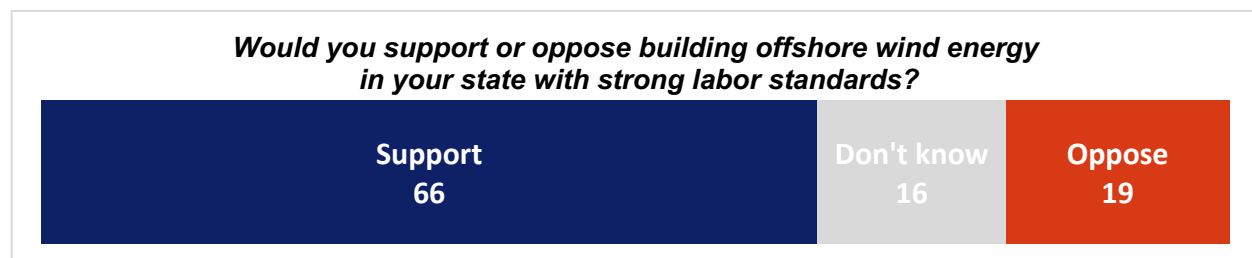


June 2, 2023

To: Interested Parties
 Fr: Luke Martin, Nadia Perl; Impact Research
 Re: **Voters Support Offshore Wind Energy with Strong Labor Standards**

Our recent poll in Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and Texas shows voters in target offshore wind development states overwhelmingly support building offshore wind energy in their states with strong labor standards. Voters not only believe offshore wind will improve the economy but also support requiring developers to meet important standards, including but not limited to paying living wages and providing workplace safety protections for offshore wind workers.

- **By a 47-point margin, two-thirds of voters support building offshore wind energy with strong labor standards** (66% support / 19% oppose / 16% don't know). This includes solid net support across all demographic subgroups, including by a 44-point margin in coastal communities and even across party lines: Democrats (+75), Independents (+36), and Republicans (+16).



- **Workplace safety and living wages are paramount.** Voters overwhelmingly view workplace safety protections (89%) and living wages and good benefits (82%) as very important requirements for jobs created by the offshore wind industry.
- **Voters believe offshore wind will be good for the economy and jobs—two of their top priorities for lawmakers.** By a 37-point margin, they believe building offshore wind energy will be good for the economy (47% good / 10% bad); and by a 42-point margin, they believe it will create jobs (51% create jobs / 9% cost jobs).
- **Supporting offshore wind is politically beneficial.** Supporting offshore wind meets voters where they are at as more than four in five voters say that strengthening the state's economy (83%) and creating more good jobs (83%) should be very important priorities for lawmakers working on energy and environment issues. By a 24-point margin, voters also say they would be more likely to vote for candidates who support building offshore wind with strong labor standards.

Findings are based on an online and text-to-web survey conducted April 14th to 24th, 2023 among N=3300 registered voters in target offshore wind development states, including Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and Texas. The margin of error for the overall results is ±1.7% at the 95% level of confidence and is higher for subgroups.

Montgomery, AL • Washington, DC • Chicago • Boston • New York