

Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee 2 West Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

SB 781 – Offshore Wind Energy - State Goals and Procurement - Support

Chair Feldman, Vice-Chair Kagan & members of the Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee,,

The Ørsted vision is a world that runs entirely on green energy. Ørsted develops, constructs, and operates offshore and onshore wind farms, solar farms, energy storage facilities, renewable hydrogen and green fuels facilities, and bioenergy plants. Ørsted is recognised on the CDP Climate Change A List as a global leader on climate action and was the first energy company in the world to have its science-based net-zero emissions target validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

If passed, this legislation will establish the foundations for a leading offshore wind energy sector in Maryland. At Orsted, we are committed to creating accessible, well-paying jobs, growing the domestic supply chain, and investing in our communities. The provisions outlined in the POWER Act further these goals and create a healthier environment that benefits every resident of the State.

We thank you for your consideration and support of the Power Act. Together we can create a cleaner, green Maryland.

Yours sincerely,

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