

Statement by Offshore Wind California Congratulating California Senator Mike McGuire on Becoming President Pro Tempore of the California State Senate

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We congratulate California Senator Mike McGuire on his swearing in today as the new President Pro Tempore, the highest-ranking leadership position in the California State Senate. We look forward to working closely with him and his staff to pursue opportunities and address challenges to bring offshore wind online and help meet California's ambitious climate, clean-energy, and grid-reliability goals.

Floating is the future for offshore wind in the Pacific. California is setting a course to be a global leader and hub for this remarkable renewable energy resource, which promises to deliver gigawatts of clean power and thousands of jobs and green growth for the state's workers and economy, all while coexisting with other ocean users and protecting our coastal communities and cultural resources. Senator McGuire has proven himself to be a strong leader and visionary advocate for offshore wind's benefits to Californians. We are eager to work with him to make this great promise and potential a reality.

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