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To: Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham,

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The Ironworkers Local 29 represents more than 1,600 registered apprentices, journey-level workers, and retirees across Oregon and Southwest Washington. Our mission is to train the next generation to ensure we have the skilled and local workforce our region needs to succeed.

Local 29 would like to express our support for HB 3963, which would officially extend the timeline for the HB 4080 (2024) offshore wind roadmap report. The roadmap process has brought together a diverse set of stakeholders from across the region and industries, including labor organizations, fishing groups, tribal nations, climate and environmental justice organizations, tourism industry representatives, and elected officials. The group is tasked with reviewing information and making a recommendation on how Oregon wants to approach offshore wind in a way that:

- Creates local Union jobs in construction, the port, and supply chains
- Protects fishing and related industries
- Protects Tribal interests and lands
- Protects Oregon ratepayers
- Generates new revenue for the state
- And advances climate resiliency

Despite BOEM's announcement to stop the lease auction for OSW off the Oregon coast, this work is still important for how potential future projects could be done responsibly, address Oregon's climate resiliency goals, and create family-wage Union jobs.

Thank you,

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