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The Honorable Richard V. Spencer
Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 4D652
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Dear Secretary Spencer:

I am writing to you today in regard to proposed offshore wind projects off of Morro Bay, California. It is my understanding that the Navy recently published a map which shows that the Morro Bay project is located within the Department of the Navy's "wind exclusion areas" indicating that it would be "not compatible" with Navy operations.

As a former Marine and member of the House Armed Service Committee, I understand the importance of taking the necessary steps to prevent and minimize any impacts on military operations. I am aware that the Department of the Navy is currently conducting a "site-specific" study to determine whether there are locations that may have previously been designated as "not compatible" which can now accommodate wind-energy projects. I would like to request a briefing that addresses the following:

- When the Navy plans to finish the site-specific study;
- What factors the Navy considers when designating a "wind exclusion area";
- Why the Morro Bay area, specifically, was designated as a "wind exclusion area"; and
- Which current and future operations could be impacted by pursuing a wind-energy project off Morro Bay.

As I am sure you will understand, this issue is of great concern to the Central Coast of California, as it will further ensure energy security for the region. Furthermore, the project is expected to create a significant number of jobs and result in other economic benefits for the community. As the Representative for California's 24th Congressional District, I urge the Department of the Navy to work with all stakeholders to create more opportunities to advance energy security. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress