September XX, 2022

The Honorable (INSERT FULL NAME OF MEMBER OF CONGRESS)

(INSERT OFFICE NUMBER AND NAME OF BUILDING) House Office Building OR Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20515 (for the House) or 20510 (for the Senate)

Dear Representative/Senator (INSERT LAST NAME OF MEMBER OF CONGRESS):

I am writing to request your support for increased federal investments in marine energy commercialization efforts as part of the upcoming negotiations to finalize the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 appropriations bills.

My name is (INSERT NAME) and I am a constituent living in (INSERT NAME OF TOWN). I am (INSERT JOB TITLE) at (INSERT NAME OF ENTITY). We play a leading role in working to commercialize marine energy technologies by (INSERT ACTIVITIES HERE).

Marine energy (power from waves, tides, currents, and other water-based resources) is an emerging renewable resource that has great potential to help decarbonize the domestic energy portfolio and provide a material contribution in the effort against climate change. Marine energy is widespread, consistent, reliable, energy dense, and proximate to the load. Marine energy technologies are currently undergoing rapid innovation, with a number of systems commercializing now, but we must move swiftly and assuredly to help deliver this future. As with more mature power generation technologies, support from the U.S. Federal Government for critical technology research, development, demonstration, and deployment (RDD&D), along with aligning regulatory processes to development stage and implementation of appropriate incentives, are key to igniting commercialization of the domestic marine energy sector.

I request that you contact the Appropriations Committee and urge it to provide $196,000,000 for the U.S. Department of Energy Water Power Technologies Office (WPTO) in the final FY 2023 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill with no less than $130,000,000 for marine energy.

Deployment of marine energy at scale in the U.S. will increase localized economic development opportunities, create thousands of high-value jobs, support a just and inclusive clean energy transition, promote exports in manufacturing and services, and avoid a repeat of the current landscape in which international companies dominate global renewable technology markets.

I am available to brief you and your staff on the benefits of clean, renewable marine energy and how (INSERT ORGANIZATION) is working to support a thriving domestic marine energy sector. We also welcome the opportunity to host Representative/Senator (INSERT LAST NAME OF MEMBER OF CONGRESS) for a visit next time they are in (INSERT LOCATION).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know whether (Rep/Senator) (INSERT NAME) is willing to contact the Appropriations Committee on our behalf.

Sincerely,

(INSERT NAME)

(INSERT TITLE)

(INSERT ENTITY NAME)

(INSERT ADDRESS/CONTACT INFORMATION)