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Trump's \$2B offshore wind buyoff threatens jobs, investment and energy supply

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The United States is in a bizarre situation in 2026: It's facing a looming energy shortage, yet the Trump administration is making deals to pay offshore wind developers nearly \$2 billion in taxpayer money to walk away from energy projects.

These politically motivated moves are costing Americans far more than just the buyouts.

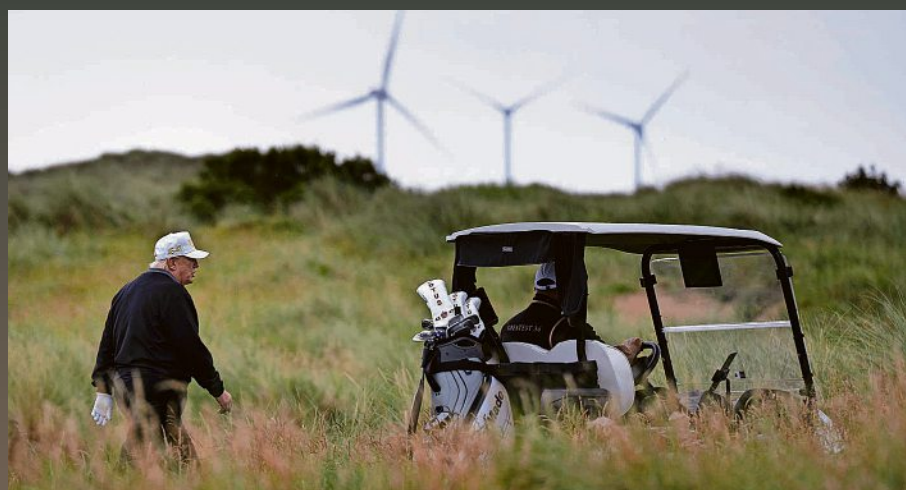
Communities have been laying the groundwork for offshore energy projects for years. Offshore wind development brings jobs and economic development that reshape regional economies, with the scale of public and private investment reaching into the hundreds of billions of dollars over years.

East Coast communities have built up ports to support the industry and launched job-training

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▲ Developing a robust offshore wind industry provides resilience in the face of an unstable global energy market, particularly as future U.S. and global energy demand is projected to grow significantly. JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES



◀ President Donald Trump has made his disdain for wind power clear ever since he lost a fight to stop construction of a small wind farm near his golf course in Scotland.

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Iran questions U.S. interest in peace

Tehran decries Israel's attacks on Lebanon

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DUBAI – Iran's top negotiator questioned the United States' commitment to peace efforts after Israel carried out new attacks on Lebanon, dimming prospects of Tehran and Washington signing a framework agreement on June 14 on ending their war.

President Donald Trump and mediator Pakistan said on June 13 that they expected the deal would be signed the next day, but Tehran cast doubt over the timing and hard-line protesters in Iran voiced opposition.

Qatari negotiators flew to Tehran on the morning of June 14 as part of an effort to finalize the agreement, a source with knowledge of the situation told Reuters.

But Iranian negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said Israel's June 14 attack on the southern suburbs of Beirut, which Israel said targeted Iranian-backed Hezbollah militants, showed

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Conviction overturned in Whitmer plot case

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A state Court of Appeals panel has overturned the conviction of Joseph Morrison, who was sentenced to up to 20 years in prison on charges related to providing material support to those convicted in the 2020 kidnapping plot against Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

In a unanimous opinion published June 9, Judges Mark Boonstra, Brock Swartzle and Thomas Cameron wrote Morrison's conviction should be vacated because the instructions given to the jury incorrectly stated that kidnapping should be considered a "violent felony" reaching the level of a terrorist act. Since kidnapping is not a violent felony under Michigan law, Morrison should not have been charged with supporting a terrorist act, the judges wrote.

"Given that the trial court

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