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ANALYSIS

## WINDS OF CHANGE

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

**Christopher Niezrecki** UMass Lowell, **Ben Link** Johns Hopkins University and **Zoe Getman-Pickering** UMass Amherst | THE CONVERSATION

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. BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

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## DOJ sues New York

### Firm files for claims of Medicaid home care fraud

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The Trump administration is suing New York and a contractor that runs a big Medicaid-funded home care program for the state, alleging the company is improperly keeping part of the care payments as part of a fraud scheme. Public Partnerships LLC started work last year as overseer of \$10 billion a year in payments to those caring for more than 250,000 people with disabilities and other home-bound New Yorkers. The new federal case alleges the company was supposed to be paid a fixed rate for its services but has padded its profits by raising caregiver bills and keeping "millions" as its share.

"New York's failure to police a favored vendor that unlawfully siphoned millions of dollars of Medicaid funding is egregious and betrays the public trust," Brett Shumate, an assistant U.S. attorney general for the Justice Department's Civil Division, said in a statement announcing the case on Tuesday, June 16.

The case also alleges the Georgia-based company was chosen through a

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### SAUGERTIES

## Former police officer pleads guilty to sex crime

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A former Saugerties police officer has pleaded guilty to committing a sex crime against a child.

Ulster County District Attorney Emmanuel Nneji announced that Sydney Mills, 54, of Saugerties, pleaded guilty to second-degree criminal sexual act, a felony.

He entered that plea before Ulster County Court Judge Bryan Rounds on June 15.

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