



Save the East Coast Inc. Endorses Jack Ciattarelli for Governor of New Jersey

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Save the East Coast Inc., a New Jersey-based 501(c)(4) nonprofit and non-partisan ocean environmental advocacy group, proudly endorses **Jack Ciattarelli** for Governor of New Jersey.

Our mission is to protect the ocean, coastal ecosystems, and coastal communities from the harms and costs of offshore wind industrialization. We stand for the defense of all impacted marine species, the livelihoods of fishermen and those who work on the water, and the survival of local and seasonal residents, small businesses, and the millions of tourists who fuel New Jersey's coastal economy.

Jack Ciattarelli's energy vision aligns perfectly with these priorities. He understands the unique character of our coastal communities, the economic backbone they provide to our state, and the irreversible damage that reckless industrialization of our waters will cause.

"I am honored to have the endorsement of Save the East Coast," said Jack Ciattarelli. "It's time to end the failed energy and offshore wind policies of the Murphy administration — policies that Mikie Sherrill would continue. We will not let that happen."

Why We Support Jack Ciattarelli

Proven Commitment to New Jersey Communities

Ciattarelli understands the unique character of our coastal communities, the economic backbone they provide to our state, and the irreversible damage that reckless industrialization of our coastline would cause. A lifelong New Jerseyan, Jack has

consistently demonstrated deep respect for our shore towns, their economies, and their way of life. He is committed to safeguarding both our environment and our economic future.

Direct Engagement with Our Organization

When invited to speak, Jack attended our Save the East Coast forum in person, presented his plans in detail, and took tough, informed questions from our members. This openness to dialogue and accountability stands in sharp contrast to Mikie Sherrill, who declined our invitation to meet with our Board and discuss these same issues.

Standing with Communities on the Front Lines

Jack has not only spoken about protecting our shore—he has stood shoulder to shoulder with residents fighting offshore wind’s onshore impacts. At an October 2024 rally in Sea Girt, attended by residents from Sea Girt, Manasquan, Wall Township, and Howell, Jack publicly opposed plans to run high-voltage offshore wind transmission cables within feet of homes.

“We are going to stop this project... I don’t know how you achieve energy independence by giving a billion dollars of our money to foreign companies to put wind turbines off our Jersey Shore,”

—Jack Ciattarelli, Sea Girt Rally, October 7, 2024.

This public stance proves Jack is not just sympathetic—he is actively defending community safety, property values, and quality of life.

An Energy Plan That Protects the Ocean and the Economy

Jack has pledged to:

- **Halt offshore wind projects** that threaten marine ecosystems and fisheries.
- **Withdraw** New Jersey from the costly **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)**.
- **Ensure** future policies prioritize **affordability, reliability, and environmental responsibility**—instead of risky experiments that drive up costs.

Reversing Harmful Murphy-Era Policies

Under Governor Murphy—with full support from Trenton Democrats—New Jersey:

- **Poured \$600 million** into offshore wind port infrastructure.



- Dismantled six existing power plants that supplied affordable electricity without having a backup plan.
- Shifted from being an **energy exporter to an energy importer**—driving rates up and reliability down.

The results have been devastating:

- Electricity prices soared 37%-40% in two years from 2023-2025.**
- In **June 2025 alone**, rates spiked another **17%-20%**, crippling residents, small businesses, and working families.

Rejecting the “Murphy 2.0” Agenda

Mikie Sherrill is aligned with the Murphy policies that have driven energy costs through the roof and jeopardized our ocean ecosystems. Continuing down this path would lock New Jersey into decades of higher prices, damaged habitats, and weakened coastal economies.

Our Conclusion

Jack Ciattarelli offers the leadership New Jersey urgently needs. He will **restore energy affordability, protect our marine life, and defend the livelihoods and ecosystems** that define our way of life along the shore. His plan represents a clean break from the failed, costly, and environmentally reckless energy experiments of the past eight years—and a path toward a sustainable, affordable, and responsible future.

For these reasons, **Save the East Coast Inc. fully endorses Jack Ciattarelli for Governor of New Jersey.**

About Save the East Coast Inc.

Save the East Coast Inc. is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit, non-partisan ocean environmental advocacy group based in New Jersey. We are dedicated to protecting the ocean, coastal ecosystems, and coastal communities from the harms and costs associated with offshore wind industrialization.



Save the East Coast Inc. – Endorsement Highlights

Why We're Supporting Jack Ciattarelli for Governor

- **Direct Alignment with Our Mission** – Jack's energy plan prioritizes ocean protection, marine species, and coastal economies over risky offshore wind industrialization.
- **Proven Engagement** – Jack attended our forum, presented his energy plan, and took questions; Mikie Sherrill declined our invitation.
- **Standing with Shore Communities** – Publicly joined the October 2024 Sea Girt rally alongside residents of Sea Girt, Manasquan, Wall, and Howell to oppose offshore wind transmission cables near homes.
- **Energy Policy Commitments** – Pledge to halt offshore wind projects, withdraw from the costly RGGI program, and restore energy affordability.
- **Reversal of Murphy-Era Policies** – Opposed \$600M offshore wind port investment, closure of existing power plants, and NJ's shift from energy exporter to importer.
- **Addressing Soaring Energy Costs** – Highlights electricity rate increase **37%-40% in two years from 2023-2025**.
- **Rejecting "Murphy 2.0"** – Warns that Sherrill's alignment with Murphy will extend harmful policies, damage habitats, and weaken coastal economies.

