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Senator Stacy Brenner, Representative Lori Gramlich and members of the Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources.

My name is Sandra Labonte and I live in Searsport. Thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony and for your serving the State of Maine.

I stand opposed to LD2266, An Act Regarding Offshore Wind Terminals Located in Coastal Sand Dune Systems.

Why is everything in this state so focused on the “existential threat” of climate change? There have always been and will always be changes in climate.

I heard someone mention in their public testimony that the recent heavy rains and wind in the state of Maine were a result of climate change. It was actually the effects of El Nino, which occurs every 2 – 7 years and lasts several months or even more than a year. Then it switches to La Nina, which brings cooler than average temperatures.

If we are good stewards of the earth and wish to protect many species of wildlife, why would we use wind power, which causes the demise of many of those same species? And why are we not concerned about the ruination of coastal sand dunes near Sears Island?

Wind terminals also create massive waste problems when their useful life is over and they also clutter our beautiful Maine landscape.

It’s time to consider small modular nuclear reactors (SMRs) as our primary clean energy option.

Thank you.

I urge you to vote “OUGHT NOT TO PASS”.