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LD 2266

Chair Brenner, Chair Gramlich and honorable members of the ENR Committee

I oppose the bill, LD 2266 An Act Regarding Offshore Wind Terminals Located in Coastal Sand Dune Systems because I cannot understand why Maine has to further harm the environment, the livelihoods of seagoing workers and the electric ratepayers of this state.

Please consider these facts:

Production from Maine qualified renewable developments, as written in statute, sited on Maine land, is presently averaging a total of 11,317,790 megawatt-hours per year. (EIA and Maine PUC data)

11,875,708 megawatt – hours is what Maine presently consumes, annually. (EIA data)

Add the 500,000 megawatt-hours soon to be delivered to Maine from NECEC, a deal that Janet Mills negotiated, the question remains, why is the Maine government considering more transmission projects and renewable energy projects to attain what Maine already, lawfully, has? We can claim achievement and allow each and every other state to follow suit, but we cannot do it all.

Saving Maine should be Maine's objective, not the sacrifice of Maine to save the whole world.

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