

Senator Brenner, Representative Gramlich, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources. My name is Derek Proctor I live in Troy. The offshore wind port is important to me and my family because it secures work for my future and many others. This is the first of its kind and the University of Maine in Orono has been researching floating windmills for a long time and I feel like it's best to use what they have created and use it in our state. The sand dune is an unfortunate obstacle but it's an obstacle we should work to mitigate.

With all the paper mills closing we are losing that Industry. The State of Maine and surrounding towns needs a new Industry to have an economic impact for the local businesses. With my research the sand dune is not a natural occurrence but was created from the artificial jetty that was man made upstream. I'm not an expert in dunes, but if these are man made can we do something to create more dunes to replace these?

The offshore windmills are important for America's future to help supply energy to the New England Grid. This Port is important for America, and it needs to happen.

Respectfully, Derek Proctor