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RE: L.D. 101

Dear Representative and the Maine Legislature,

I am writing today in hopes that is this letter will be entered into testimony in regards to the upcoming hearing on L.D. 101- An Act to Prohibit Offshore Wind Development.

My family has a long history involvement in the Commercial Fishing Industry, not just in the Lobster fishing piece but in all the different Commercial Fisheries that have provided income for Maine families for generations. Whether it be from the actual catching of the variety of Ocean species or from the Summer Tourism that has generated revenue across the State of Maine and made Maine the Vacationland State.

As I have watched many Maine fisherman over the years, including my Step father, my sons and many others actively participate in the many changes to insure that the Right Whale population be saved and allowed to flourish, to the lack of bait fish (which also was to allow for repopulation) to the ground fish and shrimp seasons shortened to allow for extensive conservation measure, As a huge Community they have been SUCCESSFUL.

To stand here today and think that ALL THAT HARD WORK is for NAUGHT is disheartening. Any work in the Maine Coastal Waters or even the outer banks will Disrupt hundreds of acres of the oceans bottom ground, it will kill off many species of Ocean inhabitants as it is proven once certain colonies are disrupted they will not survive in another location.

These said WIND TURBINES, will produce a vibration under the ocean that will affect many species and THAT will include the ENDANGERED RIGHT WHALE. They use sonar to navigate the ocean and the vibration emitted by these WIND TURBINES will disrupt that. So all the Maine Lobsterman's Hard Work will be in Vain.

The migratory bird pattern will be disrupted, the Puffin population could seriously be in jeopardy. If the Whale Activist can force the Commercial Fishing industry across the country to put measures in place to protect them, PLEASE Explain to me how placing these said WIND TURBINES in Coastal Water and on its Outer Banks is NOT DETRIMENTAL?

Furthermore, evidence from offshore Wind Turbines in the UK and the Netherlands are already dealing with serious repair issues and like Wind Turbines on land the material is NON RECYCLABLE and has to be buried upon removal. Let alone the expense to repair and maintain them when they are damaged by extensive winds or other malfunctions.

Are we as a State ready to forfeit all the REVENUE Generate by the Commercial Fishing community throughout the State? Are we as a State ready to sacrifice the Oceans Beauty? Are we are a State prepared to answer to activists or future generations because of the damage and destruction they cause?

The State of Maine is known for its BEAUTIFUL OCEANS, its FLAVORFUL Seafood, It's SUMMER TOURISM and it's long standing History of Generation after Generation of handing down the torch to Keep one of its MOST CRUCIAL NATURAL RESOURCES ALIVE.

ARE WE READY TO GIVE THAT ALL UP? ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME THAT THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO GENERATE RENEWABLE ENERGY, BECAUSE IF SO I BEG TO DIFFER WITH YOU. MAINE WAS ONCE KNOWN FOR IT'S HYDRO DAMS AND THEY WERE ALL REMOVED. TODAY THERE IS MORE OPPORTUNITY TO GENERATE HYDRO POWER FAR MORE SAFELY THAN WIND TURBINES THAT REQUIRE FOSSIL FUELS TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN.

WE AS A STATE NEED TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. PROTECT OUR HERITAGE AND STOP ALLOWING OUT OF STATE AND FORIEGN ENTITIES THE RIGHT TO BUY US OUT AND SELL US SHORT.

Sincerely,

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