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FRIENDSHIP

Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry, and Committee,

I am writing to show my support for LD #101. As a Maine resident, I have traveled the state. Living in Aroostook county for the first twenty-four years of my life and in Friendship ME, for the last fourteen years. I have witnessed windmills being used in Aroostook county and the havoc they caused as well as the increase in energy prices. On April 2nd, 2018 a windmill placed at the University of Maine in Presque Isle caught fire causing a large amount of damage. The smoke and pollution put off by the windmill burning left ash, pollution on the ground and air, making it difficult to breathe. I am a supporter of green energy and my family has used solar panels for many years, without causing damage or havoc to the air or earth.

One of the main reasons I moved down to the coast was for the beauty and sea life it contains. I have listened to many of the arguments both for and against wind power. What I haven't heard from the large companies supporting wind power is how much damage it will do to our ecosystem. They preach about jobs, but the jobs will not be given to Maine workers, and they are only temporary, as the science project projected for Monhegan is only one windmill and a temporary experiment. This "temporary science experiment" will cause more job loss and devastation than good. Hard-working fisherman that has protected the Gulf of Maine for generations will be without a job, and what does that say to our younger generation growing up? As a parent and wife of a fisherman, I urge you to vote in favor of LD # 101, the negative impact of the windmills will not only affect the fisherman, their families, the ecosystem but will trickle down to the businesses in Maine.