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Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry, Distinguished Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology, I am writing in support of LD101 An Act To Prohibit Offshore Wind Energy Development. My name is Joseph Allen, and I fish out of Rockland. I also lobster out in federal waters. Windmill development in Maine and in the Gulf of Maine is a horrible idea. It will conflict with the many fisheries of Maine. There has been no studies on what it will do to wildlife in Maine waters. Electromagnetic radiation, puffin migration, infrasound interference, school fish displacement, bird die offs from blades, and the displacement of thousands of fishermen and crew. There is a project that is suppose to be 16 sq.mi. of ocean. A promise of 850 sq.mi. is set for a later date. I simply cannot imagine the crippling effects this would have on the State of Maine. Every business will be effected by the industrialization of our waters. To add insult to injury, the land-based windmills are a total failure. The ones in Maine have not provided the energy they promised. They have and currently receiving tax abatements. I'm for helping reducing the carbon emissions. The only green that these windmills produce are in the pockets of people who manufacture them. Please support LD 101 Thank you