

Hi my name is Hildie Bunker. I live in Southwest Harbor, Maine. My husband is Brandon Bunker and he is a commercial fisherman who has been lobstering basically all his life. He's been on lobster boats since he was a baby. His father, Jamie Bunker went lobstering out of Southwest Harbor and would take his son my husband lobstering after he would come in from hauling. He would bring Brandon back out after fishing all day to tend traps in the harbor he had just for Brandon to tend. My husband has learned from a young age what hard work is. He has continued this work ethic his whole life. As a teen he fished by himself in a skiff he built with hi dad. He also went stern man with local captains and went with his dad as crew while his dad battled cancer and later passed away when Brandon was only 18 years old. Lobstering is a way Brandon will always be connected to his father.

At the age of 18 my husband started fishing his dads lobster boat a 37-foot MDI! He fished off shore at just 18. He will be turning 38 this June. That's 20 years he has fished offshore as his own Captain. My husband goes fishing year round. He knows the ocean floor like the back of his hand. He is a good captain and does well to provide for his family along with making a good living for two of his stern man. He takes pride what he does. It's his heritage and what keeps him close to his father! Now after all his life he is going to be pushed out what he knows best. It's not just a livelihood it's his life! People that have no idea about the ocean what's best are telling him. If you lived with a man that has spent more time on the water than land you d understand when I say this man knows the ocean better than someone sitting in an office trying to tell us that this isn't going to affect us and there's room for us all. When one wind turbine alone is as big as a football field and as tall as the statue of liberty. Please tell me how 12 of these (just the start might I add) not make it so our ocean floor is completely

changed. You might see there is room but underneath they say otherwise. Its extremely concerning to me that there's not been hardly enough if any at all research what these turbines will do. What affect they will have to the ocean floor and the habitats. What they will do to the migration of seas life in our gulf that my family depends on. My child's future in the fishing world! Our gulf is not use to this drastic change. I worry that we are letting big corporations into fool the Maine people into thinking we are doing this for the better good but in all reality we can not back up that this will do a single thing to stop global warming. Where are the figures showing us how much this will degrade global warming or our use of fossil fuels? To use less fossil fuel we must use fossil fuels? We must put a first of its kind wind farm in our gulf? We must dredge up our pristine ocean floor here on the coast of Maine? Push out good paying jobs that money goes into Maine owned businesses. For what? So our electricity bills can go up dramatically to a population of people just coming out of a pandemic and selling out the saying. Maine the way life should be?

No, I think today is the day we take a step back. Maine needs to stop relying on overseas corporations telling us what is best what will work. I urge the state of Maine to start its own research. Why can't we use the hydro dams? By using the preexisting hydro dams we can use zero fossil fuels to power them and create real green energy! Another idea would be to use the funds granted to our state and state funds to put solar panels on each house in Maine! This would create good paying jobs and would not affect our ocean or land mammals such as birds that can be affected by wind turbines. Putting turbines in the ocean a bad idea for Maine and dangerous to our ecosystem. With each storm and current those chains will smash on our ocean floor killing what is under them. Nothing will be able to cross underneath safely. Let alone birds that

migrate safely over our sea will no longer have that safe route they so have had. I haven't even touched on how loud the turbines are. After years of whale regulations and hundreds of thousands has been put into fishing gear to make it safe for right whales. For now wind farms to come in and not only bring in chained vertical lines but also frequencies that could kill them. Since wind farms have come to the coast in the US in 2016 there has been documented whale deaths from turbine frequencies. This also is documented in offshore wind farms overseas. I also worry about the known affects it will have on people around them. That would be near my husband everyday he goes out there to work!

Don't let big overseas corporations come into our gulf selling us on green energy and jobs to fool us into thinking this is the answer! I don't want us in year's time to have an offshore farm just rotting away because this didn't pan out like they sold us on. Because when it doesn't work! They will go back home and we will be stuck with unrecyclable fossil fuel oil turbines mess in our gulf that we as taxpayers will be responsible for removing and cleaning up our gulf. While its ruined good paying jobs like lobstering and all that the fishing community depends on! Remember this is not just about livelihoods! This is our heritage. The Maine way of life. Tell me that when you hear Maine you don't think of Lobster or the beauty of Maine coast. The Maine coast is one of a kind and I hope it always stays this way. Please I urge you to pass Bill LD 101! My family depends on this gulf. We ant to keep it wild and free!