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I am writing in support of LD 101. My husband is a lobsterman and has worked on the ocean in some capacity all his life. We both think it would be devastating to put huge wind turbines in our beautiful Gulf of Maine. What will the affects of the sounds created by these monstrosities do to our already endangered right whales ? will the sounds scare away all water creatures for miles? What about birds? Eagles? Will they meet their demise by death by blade? How about our beloved Puffins who live nearby? Too many creatures live in our vast blue ocean from our giant right whales down to the tiniest plankton and they all need each other to survive. If just one species is displaced it can throw the whole ecosystem off. How many miles of cable is going to need to be laid? Let's not start messing with the ocean . We can work together to find safer ways to produce power that won't endanger our natural resources to get it.

And why are we in such a rush to get this pushed through so fast? This is raising red flags to me. I understand there have been problems already in other parts of the world with their wind turbines and even with others right here on the East Coast. So what's the big hurry? This could be an irreversible mistake. We need to save our small fishing communities and way of life for generations to come ☐☐. One other point is that without our fishing communities and income it provides us, you'd see losses in truck and car sales, boat and outboard sales, marine store sales, restaurants, groceries , shoe stores, clothing , camp grounds, bowling alleys, movie theaters and so on. It's not worth risking hundreds of jobs of hard working Maine people and the health of the Gulf of Maine to line the pockets of greedy people running large corporations that don't give two hoots about Maine for an experimental project that might provide power to some at a cost of two times what it is now and it might kill everything in the ocean and pollute the ocean with leaking oil and turbines that catch on fire. Someone at the rally suggested putting solar panels on roofs of everyone's houses. What's wrong with that idea? Might not work on every single house but probably on a good percentage. Oh probably no big company would get rich☐☐I see . Let's take a good long look before we leap. Let's keep Maine the special place we all know and love .Let's keep our natural beauty for all to enjoy for generations to come☐☐No windmills for Maine!☐☐

Sincerely,
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