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Greetings,

I am asking for your support of LD101.

As an 8th generation lobsterman on Swan's Island, never in the past 214 years did my forefathers experience such an unprecedented attack on our fishery and our year-round coastal communities as we are seeing at this moment. This attack is presenting itself on two fronts.

One of the fronts is from the onslaught of multinational wind companies seeking to expand oceanic industrialization into the Gulf of Maine.

My family has stewarded these waters, protected and earned a living from its sustainably managed fisheries since 1806 and we are one of thousands of generational families that plan to pass a better planet to the next generation. If these multinational corporations are not stopped we will be displaced and you will witness the destruction of Maine's year-round small fishing villages.

I urge you and our local representation and our Governor to step across the aisle and join Rep. Faulkingham and Rep. Tuell to protect Maine state waters and the coastal communities that depend upon their sustainable fisheries.

We understand the stampede to industrialize in federal waters (beyond 3 miles) and is being encouraged by many in our government, and that is not acceptable by our communities but at least LD101 is a chance for you to protect state waters.

Please support LD101 which supports Maine families who depend on lobstering to feed their families.

Maine's iconic Lobster fishery symbolizes all that is good about our State and the stewardship of the world's most sustainable fishery, an shining example of environmental successes.

There is only 1 gulf of Maine, this is a good first step in protecting it for future generations.

Thank you,
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