

To : Energy ,Utilities, and Technology Committee

Testimony: Ld 101 An Act To Prohibit The Development of Offshore Wind

Good Morning Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry and other committee Members

As we face the growing need for truly clean energy Ld101 is nothing more than a pre-emptive attack on Maine's energy independence. Through its vast stores of offshore wind and PV energy Maine will be able to provide valuable help with the decarbonization of our planet and at the same time increase jobs and the overall economic well being of Maine citizens for generations to come.

I understand the concerns of the Lobster industry and they have a good point however a substantial wind farm along the coast of Maine will most certainly be located way offshore and well beyond most if not all Lobstering efforts. As for the fishing industry, Well if we do nothing to rapidly decarbonize our atmosphere, a pace that substantial wind power will offer, We will be looking at a totally dead sea. To date there is no clear evidence or long term study that shows that dramatic negative changes will be felt by existing fish populations caused by wind farms. There are numerous studies however that show carbonization of our waters and atmosphere is negatively affecting human and all aquatic life worldwide

Time has come to look to the future of electric power . Natural Gas, Coal, Oil, Mega hydroelectric facilities will shortly become relics of an industry that has offered us a future that takes NO responsibility to protect the precious resources of this planet. Non of us expect these relics to disappear overnight however the present requires us to move rapidly to transition into our clean energy future and discontinue further support for dirty energy. Unfortunately our present is still littered by obstructions and our people are misinformed about the truth. LD 101 is nothing more than the same ongoing criminal obstruction to our progress as a human race.

Please vote No on LD 101

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