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To honorable members of the Energy Utilities and Tech committee

I am writing in opposition to Offshore Wind bill LD 336

LD 336 would give Maine's Public Utilities Commission power to ORDER any "entity" to "enter into long-term contracts necessary to facilitate research on the development of floating offshore wind energy projects on the outer continental shelf in the Gulf of Maine.

So what "entities are being proposed by PUC to be required to carry out the will of an industry that is primarily composed of major foreign defense contractors and energy businesses"? PUC's definition is so broad as to be include virtually everyone and every interest group and government organ.

PUC's definition of entity: "a person or organization, including but not limited to any political, governmental, quasi-governmental, corporate, business, professional, trade, agricultural, cooperative, for-profit or nonprofit organization."

You likely can identify with one or more of those.

If LD 336 is passed as written PUC would be given unbridled power, even the power to "order" the members of the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association , the Maine Lobstering Union to further the wind industry research goals by towing wind/water sensors for the Wind Corp, detailing them your fishing grounds Or delivering pizza to offshore windpower prototypes!

Please give the bill Ought Not To Pass

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