

May 10, 2021

The Hon. Mark Lawrence, Co-chair
The Hon. Seth Berry, Co-chair
Joint Select Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology
Maine State House
Augusta, Maine 04330

Re: Testimony in Support of L.D. 336, "An Act To Encourage Research To Support the Maine Offshore Wind Industry"

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry, and members of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee:

On behalf of Lyman-Morse Boatbuilding Co., I am writing in support of L.D. 336. I believe this bill will help foster innovation, position Maine as a leader in the renewable energy industry, and prove the economic and environmental benefits of offshore wind power. Maine's history of shipbuilding is legendary, and supporting the development of the offshore wind industry will help the state carry this proud tradition into the future. Lyman-Morse employs nearly 150 craftspeople across three locations in the Midcoast, men and women who build everything from steel and aluminum workboats to luxury yachts and high-tech composite parts. These talented workers have the training, equipment, and expertise to play an immediate and pivotal role in the development of the offshore wind industry in Maine.

Lyman-Morse supports the state's goals for renewable energy as a way of slowing the damaging effects of climate change, and we recognize that the development of offshore wind industry is part of the solution. We are eager and prepared to participate in the creation of the offshore wind industry in Maine, especially through a carefully planned development program that takes into account the many different uses of the Gulf of Maine.

Respectfully,

Drew Lyman
Lyman-Morse Boatbuilding Co.