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I am writing to express my strong support for LD 1985, which builds upon recommendations from Maine's Offshore Wind Roadmap. This legislation to procure energy from offshore wind resources will strengthen Maine's economy by creating thousands of new high-quality jobs and stabilizing energy costs by reducing our reliance on imported gas and oil. It also sets high standards for wildlife, fisheries, and environmental monitoring, while also requiring important labor protections and providing benefits for Maine's most vulnerable communities. The Gulf of Maine has some of the strongest and most consistent wind in the world, and we have an opportunity to develop this renewable energy resource in a responsible and equitable way. In fact, research from the University of Maine has shown that the Gulf of Maine has the potential to generate nearly 11% of the total off-shore wind power in the continental United States.