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Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee:

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Good Afternoon, Senate Chair Lawrence, Representative Chair Zeigler, and members of the Energy, Utilities, and technology Committee and Thank you for hearing this extremely important bill.

Offshore Wind is a global market and State of Maine is a desired location for many offshore wind developers to grow. With your help we have an opportunity to establish working guidelines in a new industry that could support working people and their families for many decades.

As you see many trades, businesses, and communities have worked together to present this bill which represents the families of your constituents who will be directly impacted on how these projects are outlined.

LD 1895 falls in line with the Governors Offshore Wind Roadmap and provides long term careers for the working people in Maine stemming from the research array which is being engineered with the University of Maine Orono campus.

This bill includes the need for training a diverse workforce for long-term careers while protecting inland fisheries, wildlife, and accounting for port upgrades that work within the community directly affected. The ultimate benefit to the people of Maine is offshore wind turbines will provide a much-needed alternative energy source that is safe for our families and will provide a less oil dependent community while offering an economic boost.

I am happy to answer any questions and I urge you to support LD 1895 as written and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
John Leavitt

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I support LD 1895 and would like to testify in person, but I am home due to recent shoulder surgery.

Please accept the attached testimony as my support on this extremely important legislation

Thank you