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LD 1895

Dear Chairpersons Senator Lawrence and Representative Zeigler and esteemed members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. I am a resident of Cape Elizabeth and am writing as co-facilitator of Third Act Maine, a group of over 500 elderly Mainers dedicated to reducing our dependence on fossil fuels. Third Act Maine fully supports LD 1895 and urges its passage as written.

The recent statements of the IPCC and the IEA warned that continued development of new fossil fuel projects will result in the breaching of the 1.5 C limit set by the Paris Accords on global warming. It is now likely that this will occur prior to 2030 because the fossil fuel industry is determined to burn every ounce of fossil fuel still in the ground.

The development of offshore wind in Maine is thus essential for Maine and the planet. Properly done with the safeguards contained in LD 1895, Maine will reduce it's dependence on fossil fuels and join other states in the transition to an alternative energy economy with the added bonus of many good union jobs.

We at Third Act Maine ask for speedy approval of LD 1895 and its enactment into law. We need to stop burning fossil fuels for electrical energy now.

Regards,

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