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As your constituent, I am writing to express my strong support for LD 1985, which is based on the primary recommendations in Maine's Offshore Wind Roadmap. This legislation, which supports the generation of energy from offshore wind resources, will strengthen Maine's economy by creating thousands of new high-quality jobs and by stabilizing energy costs through reducing our reliance on imported fossil fuels. At the same time, it would require important labor protections and provide benefits for Maine's most vulnerable communities. LD 1985 also sets high standards for monitoring effects on wildlife, fisheries, and the environment. The wind in the Gulf of Maine is one of the strongest and most consistent winds in the world. We have an opportunity and a responsibility to develop this renewable energy resource with consideration for the environment and for vulnerable communities.