

July 27, 2020

Dr. Walter Cruickshank  
Acting Director  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

**RE: BOEM-2020-0005  
Vineyard Wind Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

Dear Acting Director Cruickshank,

The undersigned organizations appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on the *Vineyard Wind Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement* (SEIS), which was published to the Federal Register on June 12, 2020.

As businesses, associations, and institutions with significant operations in New England, we write to express our support for policies and programs that encourage the expansion of responsibly-developed offshore wind in our region.

Offshore wind is the single biggest lever we can pull to reduce New England's emissions, address the climate crisis, meet our energy needs, and grow our economy simultaneously. Harnessing its economic potential could help drive economic recovery by creating thousands of jobs, establishing our region as a hub for clean-tech development and deployment, expanding the market for local renewables, and saving ratepayers billions of dollars.

Many of New England's old nuclear, oil, and coal-fired power plants are likely retiring over the next decade. At the same time, the demand on our grid will continue to grow as we move to electrify transportation and heating. We must urgently address the growing gap between future electricity supply and demand by replacing these older fossil fuel power plants with clean, local, renewable energy. Doing so will reduce pollution, protect the health of vulnerable communities, and enable our businesses and institutions to set and achieve ambitious corporate sustainability goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this study. It is an important step toward considered and efficient shared use of this valuable energy resource. We hope you will support the expansion of responsibly-developed offshore wind to realize the energy potential of the MA/RI Wind Energy Areas.

Sincerely,

**A Better City, The Alliance for Business Leadership, Anbaric, Ben & Jerry's, Burton, Cape Air, DSM, Eastern Connecticut State University, FirstLight Power Resources, Garland Mill, Hanover Co-op Food Stores of NH & VT, Massachusetts Business Roundtable, Mass General Brigham, Microspec Corporation, NRX Logistics, PowerOptions, Revision Energy, Saunders Hotel Group, Schneider Electric, Ski NH, Southern Connecticut State University, Stonyfield Organic, Studio G Architects, The Green Engineer, Trillium Asset Management, University of Massachusetts Amherst Wind Energy Center, University of Massachusetts Boston McCormack School of Public Policy & Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell, & WindSTAR**



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