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Representative Jeffrey N. Roy, Chair
Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy
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Senator Michael J. Barrett, Chair
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RE: H.3302 An Act to Promote Offshore Wind Energy and Renewables (POWER Act); S.2158 An Act to Create Offshore Clean Energy and Renewable Jobs

Dear Chair Roy and Chair Barrett,

First, we would like to thank you for your leadership on offshore wind power. Thanks to the legislature’s efforts and recognition of the environmental and economic potential of this clean, renewable energy resource, Massachusetts will soon host the nation’s first large-scale offshore wind project off our shores.

We, the undersigned organizations, write to offer our strong support for H.3302 and S.2158 and call for you to advance them. These bills will ensure continued progress on the Commonwealth's
roadmap to net zero and shape the burgeoning offshore wind industry so that it is just, equitable, and responsible.

Responsibly developed offshore wind is a game changer for our environment and our economy, and the POWER Act is critical to ensuring that we maximize the opportunity and that we do it right for our environment and our communities.

Sincerely,

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Association to Preserve Cape Cod
Black Economic Council of Massachusetts
Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative
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Clean Water Action
Climate XChange Education & Research
Elders Climate Action – Massachusetts Chapter
Environment Massachusetts
Environmental League of Massachusetts
Faith Communities Environmental Network
Green Energy Consumers Alliance
Health Care Without Harm
Mass Audubon
Massachusetts AFL-CIO
Mothers Out Front – Massachusetts
National Wildlife Federation
North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters
PowerOptions
SAFE – Salem Alliance for the Environment
Sierra Club Massachusetts Chapter
The Nature Conservancy
UMass Amherst Wind Energy Center
UMass Lowell