



July 23, 2021

Representative Jeffrey N. Roy, Chair
 Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy
 24 Beacon Street
 Boston, MA 02133

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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Acadia Center

Alliance for Business Leadership

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