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To: [Paul Foley](#); [Lucy Morrison](#)
Subject: Offshore Wind Seabed Cable MV Commission Public Hearing
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Dear Mr. Foley,

Please include the following as part of the recorded public comment regarding the undersea cables proposed to pass through waters 1.2 miles offshore of the town of Edgartown.

As was explained in the February 21st Commission hearing, Vineyard Wind has taken extraordinary measures in its plan to install the cables with the clear objective of safety and protecting the environment and fishing.

The Commission has made it clear that the only issue before it is those offshore cables. Thus, issues concerning such matters as asserted infrasound from the wind turbines are not within the Commission's purview, but rather within the jurisdiction of the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).

Within the context of the environment, however, the State of Massachusetts and most of the world have determined that burning fossil fuels releases such dangerous amounts of carbon into the atmosphere that it causes and will continue to have a deleterious effect directly on the health of people and on climate change. The consequent effect will continue to warm the planet, cause sea rise, cause innumerable weather disasters, and reduce arable land. This affects not only Massachusetts but also, importantly, the entire nation, as well as the entire world. In particular, it greatly affects where I live on Martha's Vineyard which in the future will largely be claimed by the rising sea if the world does not act to reduce and eventually eliminate the burning of fossil fuels. This must be done mostly by changing over to renewable sources of energy. Offshore wind power is a key element of that renewable energy.

I see it as a comparison of risks. The risk of the Offshore Wind Project's impact on the environment and communities, including fisheries, is very, very low. The risk that the continued burning of fossil fuels at the current pace will cause the above described effects is not only very high, but virtually a certainty. Low risk versus a virtual certainty -- that makes it a clear choice. Thus, do all that is possible to convert to renewable, clean energy. At a minimum, we are 30-40 years late in seriously committing to act on developing clean energy. We cannot afford to delay it any further. The Vineyard has the unusual opportunity to be a leader in that imperative.

Thus, I strongly recommend that the Commission approve Vineyard Wind's planned installation of the cables which will be over a mile offshore of the island.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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