



The General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Senator Julian Cyr · Representative Dylan Fernandes



November 13, 2020

Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Regional Office
Attn: Brendan Mullaney
20 Riverside Drive
Lakeville, MA 02347

Re: Tisbury Marine Terminal, Beach Road, Tisbury

Dear Mr. Mullaney,

As advocates of Massachusetts' landmark legislation to promote a homegrown offshore wind industry fourteen miles south of Martha's Vineyard, we write to you in support of the Tisbury Marine Terminal (TMT) project to create a facility for offshore wind operations and maintenance in the Town of Tisbury.

The TMT project is expected to provide as many as 40+ year-round jobs for the island community for the next 25 years. We have already seen partnerships emerge between island organizations and higher educational institutions, offering training opportunities to qualify Islanders for wind energy jobs. This new sector, requiring advanced technical skills, will diversify the island economy and add substantial new job opportunities.

Our residents are keenly aware of the threat of environmental degradation and sea level rise brought on by climate change that threatens our delicate coastal communities. In addition to creating a new green economy for the island, the TMT project will have significant environmental benefits, helping to mitigate climate change by providing critical services to support offshore wind.

We've been encouraged by the commitment of the TMT project to work with the local community to ensure there is a local voice in the process. This project aligns with the Town of Tisbury's goals in keeping Tisbury harbor a working waterfront, and enhancing public access to shoreline while improving Beach Road corridor for business and recreational use.

Massachusetts has long led the nation on advancing clean energy, which has provided benefits for our environment as well as for our economy. We strongly support the TMT project, which will help in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, bolster the island economy, and continue the Town of Tisbury's long standing tradition of supporting marine industries.

We thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Julian Cyr in black ink.

Julian Cyr
State Senator
Cape and Islands

Handwritten signature of Dylan Fernandes in black ink.

Dylan Fernandes
State Representative
Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket