



An Open Letter

To

The Members of the Maryland General Assembly

From

Stop Offshore Wind: A Coalition of Volunteers Dedicated to Preserving Maryland's Atlantic Coast and Stopping Ill Advised, Uneconomical, and Environmentally Damaging Offshore Wind

We're sending this letter to all our friends in the Maryland General Assembly – Delegates and Senators. We want to report to you on our work to stop the offshore wind project planned for Ocean City, and make an urgent request.

First, our report –

We're all volunteers. We've contributed our time and our money to fund this campaign. We're serious about seeing it through and our efforts are authentic, and based on facts not emotions or politics.

To date: we've stopped US Wind from building a power cable landfall facility in Sussex County, Delaware by working with county officials there. This was a major win early in the campaign, but we know the developers will look for and eventually find an alternative, so the battle goes on.

We've stifled US Wind's attempts to buy off our fish unloading docks in Ocean City. These are the only ocean-access port docks in Maryland, where fishermen can unload their catch. US Wind wanted to buy them, shut down the fishing industry there, and use the docks for their fleet of construction and maintenance ships. We won't let that happen as our local fishing industry is too important to our state and local economies.

We've set up a website and social media pages to enable people to learn about the proposed project and how they can help us defeat it.

We've distributed thousands of T Shirts, and thousands of information cards directly to supporters visiting Ocean City. And we've given hundreds of signs to local businesses for display in their restaurants and stores.

We've purchased and placed billboards on roads leading into and out of Ocean City, and we've distributed hundreds of flags to boats participating in the White Marline tournament with near unanimous support from the captains.

We're working with our Congressional representatives and administration officials in Washington to stop the project permanently by ending subsidies and stopping permitting.

We've had good success so far, but the fight is not over. US Wind is owned by foreign investors with very deep pockets. They've promised their investors a return on their money, and they won't stop until they've concluded there's no possible way forward, financially or politically.



Now to our urgent request –

We need your help and visible, vocal support. We don't have to tell you that wind power, especially offshore wind power, is expensive, unreliable and very damaging to the environment and marine ecosystems. This development threatens our fishing industry, our important horseshoe crab medical industry, our tourism, and our national security as it creates navigation hazards.

And, the power generated is expensive and unreliable. It will result in higher energy bills for every Maryland electric consumer, is unreliable because the wind doesn't always blow, and will be easily targeted in the event of a national security emergency. In short, offshore wind is a bad idea from just about every perspective.

Please stand with us – Maryland businesses, consumers, and taxpayers – as we continue this important fight. While we've made great progress, US Wind remains committed to the project. We need to know you're in our corner and willing to help as we move this campaign forward.

It's critically important that Marylanders stand together to stop this ill-conceived project and protect our only ocean port and coastline from degradation at the hands of foreign owned big business.

This remains a "David and Goliath" battle. We're not giving up. Please stand with us.

Respectfully signed:

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Harrison's Harbor Watch
Harrison Hall Hotel
Hilton Ocean City Oceanfront Suites
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