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Subject: Please say No to Wind Turbines in Lake Erie

Dear Madam or Sir,

We read recently that you continue to discuss the placement of wind turbine in Lake Erie, a Great Lake that is already challenged by many external threats.

Although not opposed to alternative energy sources, the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) Board of Directors remains opposed to wind turbines in the Great Lakes without adequate information and research. I believe Ohio's Lake Erie Marine Trade's Association feels the same. I have copied LEMTA's president on this email.

We feel there is not enough information available to determine the economic and environmental impact of wind turbines and that states should have appropriate guidelines to regulate their placement, if any, in the Great Lakes.

Our first priority should be to protect the surrounding natural resources, as well as the existing commercial, residential, recreational and tourism aspects of any potential site, and it is not prudent to move forward without knowing the impacts.

It would also be good to understand just how much electricity these wind farms will generate and how much oil they will displace at what cost. Are they really cost effective? Risking negative impact to the economic benefit coming to Ohio through the boating, fishing and tourism industries without knowing these things could be devastating.

Finally, there should also be an inter-state consensus on this subject. We cannot allow each state to reach this decision on their own, as we all share our Great Lakes. Doing so will result in something detrimental to all.

Please consider these issues in your decision process and say no to wind turbines in the Great Lakes. If you have any questions, I would be happy to speak with you.

Sincerely,

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