

Your Name and Address

Date

Honorable (*Name of Elected Official*)
Mailing Address

Dear *Title/Last Name*:

As a resident of (enter your home county/state), Maryland, I am writing to ask for your help to stop the industrialization of our ocean. An Italian-owned company, US Wind, is attempting to use Maryland ratepayer subsidies to construct 114 gigantic wind turbines just 11.5 miles offshore of Ocean City, Maryland. These turbines, which at 938' are four times the height of the tallest building in Ocean City, will destroy Maryland's only ocean view. The turbines will be clearly visible during the day and remain lit up all night long with blinking red lights, meaning future generations of Maryland residents and visitors will never be able to enjoy Ocean City's natural viewscape. The sunrise off of our coast will never be the same!

Studies have shown that visible wind turbines reduce beach tourism and lower property values. My question to you and other elected officials is, why are Marylanders being forced to pay higher electric rates so a foreign company can threaten Ocean City's thriving economy? Do you really know what the total cost of this project will be to Maryland rate payers and the state? Turbines of this size were never contemplated when the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) awarded US Wind's lease. Turbines off the coast of Virginia and North Carolina are 26 miles from their shoreline thus protecting the view shed for their residents and visitors. The threats to Ocean City's and Maryland's economy due to this project cannot be ignored.

In addition, Ocean City's commercial and recreational fishermen strongly oppose these turbines, as they restrict fishing, obstruct navigation, and cause false radar images. The wind farm also sits directly within the Carl Shuster Federal Horseshoe Crab Sanctuary, a crucial habitat for these species. Yet, no studies have been conducted to determine what impact these huge turbines and their high-voltage cables might have on this important sanctuary. We must act responsibly to protect our environment and marine species.

This does not have to happen. It is not too late to say NO. For all the above reasons, please oppose awarding any Maryland ratepayer or taxpayer subsidies to US Wind. End this unnecessary and wasteful project and save our ocean.

Sincerely,

Your Name