

To: Department of the Interior/BOEMRE

I am writing this letter in response to the Massachusetts – Request for Interest (RFI), as an affected individual. I am a resident of Massachusetts, and a member of the Vineyard Power Cooperative, who resides on Martha's Vineyard.

As an affected individual, whose community will be impacted by offshore wind development, I believe the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) should include criteria that gives additional consideration to applications that have a community-ownership component in the Massachusetts RFI lease process.

I specifically request three items from BOEMRE:

- 1) Priority for applications that include a community owned component.
- 2) Reduce the financial and technical requirements for community-owned projects looking to build wind turbines in the Massachusetts RFI area and the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Area of Mutual Interest.
- 3) Set aside specific blocks for community owned development within the Massachusetts RFI area and the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Area of Mutual Interest.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.