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Dear Col. Koning,

The Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate in many areas, including: air and boat navigation safety, impacts to birds and other wildlife, pollution threats from oil on the transformer station, visual pollution and associated economic and tourism impacts, and the analysis of alternative sites.

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Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Dear Colonel Koning,

The Army Corps of Engineers should deny Cape Wind's application to construct 130 turbines in Nantucket Sound. There is no federal authorization to use our public trust resources for this purpose. Nor does the developer have any property rights to exploit these public lands. Without federal authorization, any means for protecting coastal resources, or any process for compensating the public, this project cannot be in the public interest. That question must be answered by our representatives after national debate, not by one office of a federal agency improperly arrogating the authority of Congress.

In addition, the draft environmental impact statement that has been prepared is inadequate. More studies are needed before the Army Corps can assess the potential impacts of the Cape Wind project. Indeed, those studies are the very studies that Congress would require to shape a national policy on offshore wind energy. Without this critical information, there is simply no way to determine whether the Cape Wind project is in the best interests of both the public and wildlife.

If this project is a failure, which it most certainly will be, who will pay to remove these structures? How will the environmental damage be addressed?

Finally, the Bush Administration needs to develop responsible clean energy and ocean conservation programs. The continued failure to do so is sacrificing our environment to private developers.

As it is written, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' draft environmental impact statement is seriously flawed, because it ignores relevant information and draws conclusions based on inadequate research.

Sincerely,

G. Christopher Blauvelt  
Chief Operating Officer

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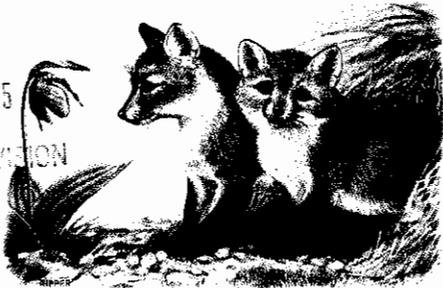
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February 14, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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Re: Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Colonel Koning:

Based on information I have received, it would appear that the Cape Wind Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate in a number of ways.

I have been told of its shortcomings relative to wildlife impacts, pollution threats and navigation safety.

But my main concern regards the extremely negative visual impact such a wind farm will have on the Hyannis area, where we have a summer home. I can't imagine looking out from the beaches, or coastal roads, and seeing the large turbines. In addition to a personal detriment, I worry this also might also negatively impact the economy of the area.

In particular, what has not been completed to my satisfaction is to adequately research alternative sites.

I trust that much more effort will go into further assessing the environmental impact of this potentially "horrible" development.

Very truly yours,

  
Bruce D. Heintz

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February 11, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning, U.S. Army Corps of Engineering  
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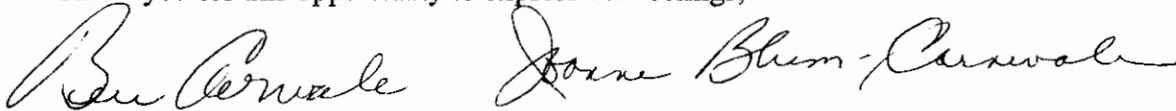
Dear Colonel Koning:

We are writing to express our concern over the wind farm project in Nantucket Sound and off the coast of Cape Cod. Our reasons for objection are as follows:

We feel that the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate in many areas, including:

1. Air and boat navigation safety
2. Impacts to birds and other wildlife
3. Pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation
4. Visual pollution and associated economic and tourism impacts
5. Analysis of alternative sites.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our feelings,



Ben Carnevale and Joanne Blum-Carnevale

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**Manon Carr**

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MAIL ROOM

Subject: Ensure 'Cape Wind' Project Is Safe for Wildlife

Dear Colonel Koning:

Before you approve or deny a permit to erect 130 turbines in Nantucket Sound, please require the developer to conduct the thorough studies recommended by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Specifically, the environmental review of this project should include:

- Three full years of visual observations of birds - 12 months of radar observations of flying wildlife - A thorough and timely review of the project's potential effect on wildlife, including marine mammals

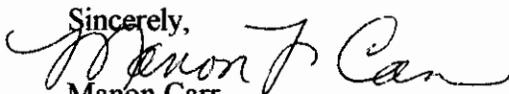
These factors will help determine whether the Cape Wind project is in the best interests of both the public and wildlife.

As it is written, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' draft environmental impact statement is hopelessly flawed, because it ignores relevant information and draws conclusions based on inadequate research.

This project could be the first marine wind energy facility in the United States. As such, it will set a precedent for other offshore renewable energy projects.

Please require a rigorous, scientific review of its environmental effects. Clean air and healthy wildlife populations are not mutually exclusive. We need both.

Sincerely,

  
Manon Carr

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Chatham, MA 02633

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Dear Colonel Rowing

I hope that you will protect Nantuxet  
Sound. The Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact  
Statement is inadequate in many areas such as  
oil & boat navigation safety, pollution threats from  
oil at the transformer substations, visual pollution,  
tourism impact, wildlife impact and an analysis  
of alternative sites.

I thank you

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Attn: Colonel Thomas Koning,

The Cape Wind Farm would mean devastation to Nantucket Sound. If you have ever been out there in a fog you would know you can't see or hear anything. Therefore it would be a navigational hazard to both in the air or on the ocean.

It would effect wildlife also a threat of pollution from oil.

I would hate to see what would happen in a bad hurricane talk about devastation!

It would be an eye sore to tourist coming to see beautiful Cape Cod. Tourism is our main livelihood. Please don't let this wind farm go through.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline C. Ellis  
E. Falmouth, Ma.

E. H. Ingram

February 12, 2001

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P.O. Box 160, Osterville, Massachusetts 02655

Dear Colonel Koning - 3553  
It would be a terrible  
mistake to put a wind farm in  
Nantucket Sound. I have been  
on the Cape every summer of  
my life and always enjoy the  
calm of the ocean. A wind  
farm can be placed along  
route 6 where everyone can  
see it far and thinking is  
progress - Plenty of wind  
along the road without impacting  
birds, boats, wildlife and

The Tranquility we all now  
enjoy.

Progress does not mean  
violating nature.

Sincerely,

Ellen Ingram

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# Save Popponeset Bay, Inc.

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Karen Kirk-Adams  
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Secretary Ellen Roy Herzfelder  
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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

February 15, 2005

Dear Ms. Adams and Ms. Herzfelder,

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Draft Environmental Impact Study ("DEIS") for the proposed Cape Wind Associates, LLC.

Our non-profit organization is Save Popponeset Bay, Inc. ("SPB"), a 501 (c) (3) organization. SPB was founded in 1987 to protect the Popponeset Bay in Mashpee and, more recently, the Popponeset Spit, an endangered species habitat, most of which SPB owns. Mass Audubon owns the balance of the Popponeset Spit. Over 125 families in the area contribute financially to support our activities.

In order to comply with environmental standards, we work closely with Mass Audubon, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Town of Mashpee Conservation Commission.

We have had experience dealing with Cape Wind already. As part of the Massachusetts Siting Board process, SPB gained Intervenor status to fight against Cape Wind's efforts to drive their transmission cables through Popponeset Spit and Popponeset Bay to a transfer station in Mashpee. We felt that Cape Wind was ill-informed about the delicate environmental nature of the Spit and Bay and made sweeping assertions that revealed their lack of research and minimized the impact their proposed actions would have on the Popponeset Spit and Popponeset Bay. We fear that they are understating the impact of this project in this study in order to gain the permits.

We are concerned about the industrialization of Nantucket Sound only five miles from what we are working to preserve. Our comments address specific concerns we have with the DEIS:

## Section 5.7 – Avian Resources:

In our opinion, Cape Wind's consultants spent too short a period of time evaluating and estimating the numbers of birds that will inevitably be killed in the blades of the wind turbines. We work closely with Mass Audubon and spend thousands of dollars to provide monitors for endangered plovers and terns on our Spit. When these birds breed and nest on the Spit, they are a mere five miles from the 130 proposed wind turbines. Bird death rates from the wind turbines in California are considerably higher than were expected when those were constructed. Some studies indicate that five times more birds will be killed than the Cape Wind study suggests. We ask that you do further due diligence in this area before reaching a conclusion about bird deaths.

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### Section 5.10 – Cultural and Recreational Resources/Visual:

We believe you have underestimated the impact of the visual blight these 130 monstrous wind turbines will cause. We believe you have underinvested in this portion of the study. The Visual Impact Assessment by one architectural historian, seems inadequate given the huge scope of this massive industrial project.

We recommend the construction of a prototype, or simulation of one of these towers, standing 430 feet high a mere five miles from shore. This prototype could then be photographed and models generated multiplying the visual of the one wind turbine prototype by 130 to give a more accurate assessment of the visual impact of this project from the Cape's beaches and other tourist attractions. Once you have one blinking and flashing 430-foot tower, simulations can be made to multiply this by 130 so the impact of the 520 red and amber lights at night and during the day can be properly evaluated.

Cape Wind has already altered the computer-generated impressions on its web site at least once to make the wind turbines seem smaller when viewed from shore, so as to not scare their Internet visitors. After all, if navigation manuals say that a 426 foot tower is visible from 26 miles, we believe these will be monstrous, considerably more imposing than cute little structures on the horizon. Until more analytical work is done in this area, our opinion about the visual blight of this project will have as much validity as Cape Wind's paid consultants.

### Section 5.11 - Noise:

Foghorns - The Wind Farm LLC consultants hired for this report state that the foghorns on the 130 turbines will not be on land. The purpose of the foghorns is stated as boater safety. However, we have only the consultants' word and no assurance that if the foghorns, when sounding simultaneously (because all 130 wind turbines will be in the fog at once) that this will not be alarmingly loud as the sound travels over water to the land. In Mashpee, we already hear foghorns on a regular basis. The sound of 130 foghorns at once could be dramatic.

Blades – The noise from these 130 whirring wind turbines could be overwhelming. In the Cape Wind study, there was no analysis of the noise impact from other wind farms, either on shore or offshore. General Electric has never made wind turbines this size, so how can we be sure that that this massive project will not generate considerable noise pollution from the blades? We recommend more comparative analysis be done in the area of noise generation from the blades and foghorns.

### Section 5.16 – Socioeconomics:

While the document from Cape Wind states that it is not seeking public funding, this is misleading because it will benefit from publicly funded subsidies. Cape Wind needs these subsidies to make the project profitable for their investors. So the "savings" of 10 cents per month are eaten up by the subsidies from the taxpayers. However, no financial figures have been released, even though this is public land they are usurping for this industrialization project. If these subsidies, approved annually, are rolled back or repealed, how can the Army Corps of Engineers be sure that the developer or the energy company will not abandon the project once it is no longer profitable? There are other issues as well:

- The \$10 million of annual savings on electricity for New England consumers breaks down to less than 10 cents per month per household. This is a pittance for the industrialization of Nantucket Sound.
- There has never been disclosed how much Cape Wind will pay for the property rights of

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It is not conceivable that the Army Corps of Engineers will give away this federal land for free.

- There has never been disclosed how much the developer Cape Wind or the successor energy company will post, to deconstruct the wind farm once it becomes obsolete and its useful life is over.
- There is no disclosure of any financial safety net (posted bond) in case of an environmental disaster, such a clean up of a spill from the transformer substation which can hold up to 40,000 gallons of oil. This type of spill would put in peril our Spit and Bay that we at Save Popponesset Bay work to protect.

There currently exist no federal rules, regulations, policies or even guidelines to oversee offshore solar, wind or other yet to be developed technologies similar to those for oil and gas offshore projects. We support fast track legislation so that we do not have a land grab where the first one in gets to claim federal lands. There are now proposed wind farms up and down the East Coast, with no policy in place. The Town of Barnstable wants to do sand mining in Nantucket Sound. Yet there is no federal policy in place Nantucket Sound and other coastal waters from hundreds of more turbines, or other industrial activity.

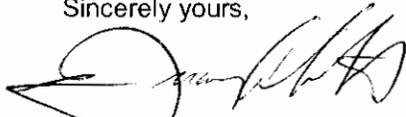
With the advance of technologies and solutions, there may already be better wind technologies in development that will not be as unsightly or as intrusive as these 130 massive wind turbines. Even today, offshore wind generation is more costly than onshore wind. But there is no policy to evaluate options. As it is, the Army Corps, designed to regulate obstructions to navigation, is being forced to decide on power plants and property rights. The Army Corps is forced to judge this one Cape Wind project on an all 130 turbine-or-nothing basis because it has no guidelines of its own to suggest scaled down wind farms or handle the process any differently. The evaluation of alternative sites simply revealed that Cape Wind finds Horseshoe Shoal to be the most lucrative for their investors.

There are no offshore wind plants in U.S. waters. The offshore plant in Denmark reportedly has problems and the turbines are being brought on shore for repairs. We believe this is a risky experiment in a beautiful area of our country. The financial return to Cape Cod seems low, given the risk. We do not even know what financial return the developer, Cape Wind will reap, because no financials have been disclosed.

We ask that Nantucket Sound not simply be cherry picked in a land grab as the guinea pig for this massive industrial project.

Why do we have to experiment on Horseshoe Shoal in Nantucket Sound?

Sincerely yours,



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**Adams, Karen K NAE**

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**To:** Adams, Karen K NAE  
**Cc:** pdascombe@capecodcommission.org; mepa@state.ma.us  
**Subject:** Cape Wind Draft EIS

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RE: Cape Wind; Draft EIS Section 5.7

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To: Secretary Ellen Roy Herzfelder  
EOEA, Attn: MEPA Office  
Anne Canaday, EOEA No. 12643  
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Boston MA 02114

I oppose the Cape Wind project for the reasons cited below.

On January 5, 2005 an article entitled Wind turbines taking toll on birds of prey, by John Ritter, was published in USA TODAY. Admittedly not a scholarly work, the article, nonetheless, speaks to the wind power issues being addressed in Massachusetts and across the nation.

In the Draft EIS executive summary Cape Wind states that a project of the size and scope proposed for the Sound has never been attempted before nor has one, obviously, been completed. With no empirical data from an offshore case study it seems that the EIS was prepared on a wing and a prayer, and an expensive wing at that. For off shore systems of this size there is no historical data for safety monitoring techniques and procedures, maintenance histories, historical figures for offshore wind farm manpower requirements, security and alarm systems, emergency restoration and response times, mean time between failures, mean time to repair as well as other factors. It seems ill-advised that an offshore project of this size could possibly be approved when there are suitable land based sites available which can be assessed with proven histories of land based installations.

A thorough reading of the EIS submittal can not help but lead advocates and objectors alike to the impartial conclusion that a reexamination of the proposal, its siting criteria, and the underlying public policy (or the lack thereof) to enable such offshore energy production facility in Nantucket Sound is the only possible prudent outcome for this EIS review process. One tries not to be taken in by extravagant promises of Cape Wind's Kw supply figures as a percentage of Cape and Islands demand nor by what appears at first blush to be ACE's minimal impact assessment as to an acceptable risk

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for this offshore project. Likewise, opponents that claim the project is 'ugly' from their vantage point on the Mid-Cape Highway out the window of a fast moving SUV should be equally discounted.

With respect to electric supply figures related to the Cape and Islands, it seems the facts from the EIS are clear - that Cape Winds will deliver its power (whenever the wind is blowing) into a transmission line delivered to ISO New England. The actual destination of Cape Wind's power delivered to a consumer's meter is anyone's guess. Maybe some of the power will find its way to the Cape and Islands ratepayer, maybe not. But one thing is certain - all of the environmental, social, economic, political risk will find its way 100% to the Cape and Island rate base. Cape Wind's power will disappear into the "Neverland" of the national grid. Cape Wind's power will be supported by various key tax credits, green credits, alternative power credits, advantageous accounting practices and the like. Yet on the other hand, Cape and Islands residents will feel little, if any, of the benefit of Cape Wind's product.

To illustrate this point one might look at Select Energy of Connecticut. Not one kW of power sold by Select was bought by Connecticut light & Power for delivery to Connecticut electric users -- even though both companies Select and CL&P are wholly owned subsidiaries of the same utility, Northeast Utilities. It is interesting that the Millstone nuclear power station in Haddam, Connecticut fees the grid and not necessarily consumers in Connecticut. The idea that Cape Wind will supply power to the Cape and Islands is wrong. Those that support the project solely because they believe in doing a good turn for the "Greening" of the Cape and Islands, for electric rate reductions for the Cape and Islands, or, for establishing the Cape and Islands as an a national alternative energy model - unfortunately have been sold snake oil and the record should be corrected by the Cape Wind by disclosing its power contracts to sell to local utilities serving the Cape and Islands.

Looming over the all of the technical specifications and discussion of Cape Wind's EIS are fundamental public policy issues that illustrate, sometimes emotionally, the conflict between competing social agendas. The lack of resolution to balance these conflicts, e.g., the desire for local alternative energy sources versus a void of local jurisdictional authority; turbines that are antiseptic technological edifices versus a site that is a living organism, primordial and poetic; a project that offers financial gains for a few versus a project that spreads its risks on many; a project that must tie into transmission infrastructure versus a project that couldn't be more isolated from existing transmission infrastructure; an abbreviated approval process due to a loophole in jurisdictional authority versus a project scope that warrants a lengthy, protracted study period; a private development, risky and unproven versus public property that is the basis of billions of proven value both measurable and intrinsic. An examination of these points again turns to the impartial conclusion to deny of the project at least while public policy issues are resolved.

With respect to jurisdictional boundaries, as in any body of water, a small stone dropped in the center will send waves to all shores. The jurisdictional authority for this project should be vested with all parties touched by those waves. In the web of ecosystems comprising the Sound, whether geologic, aquatic or atmospheric; whether perceived by sight, sound, touch, smell, taste or experienced by all nature's species, human and otherwise, permanent or transients, in the overall scheme of things .... Nantucket Sound is but a small pond.

What makes an offshore wind farm senseless is the availability of alternative terra firma sites that are not small ponds; where a stone dropped in the center will result in a barely audible thud. One huge, yet obvious, advantage is that land based alternative sites are, simply, not fluids. Land based alternatives are (i) presently zoned or can be rezoned

for power generation; (ii) served by a complex transmission infrastructure; utilities; roads; public and private services such as trash facilities, police, fire, civil defense; (iii) and, are equipped to handle nearly every eventually that a power generating plant could require. What is particularly bothersome about the Cape Wind Sound site is that available land based sites can be accessed every minute of every day, 7x24, and the Sound's proposed facilities can be accessed "weather permitting". A wind farm of this magnitude cannot have the footnotes to emergency restoration plans, catastrophic event planning, safety plans, personal injury evacuation plans and security plans (to name a few) – that reads, 'Oh, by the way if the weather is bad, come back tomorrow – unless the weather then is bad too.'

Based on accessibility alone, fair minded and unemotional proponents of the Cape Wind Plan must concede that a reexamination of the proposal, top to bottom, is warranted.

In a perfect world, society should get all of the benefit of technology and none of the risk. In our imperfect world, it is reasonable to ask, "How much risk are we willing to endure to get a corresponding benefit"? It is my opinion that a deep hard look into the risks and the benefits of this project will bring fair-minded focus to the public policy issues that are at central to the approval process. Without clear public policy it is impossible to assess concepts, outcomes or choices. Rather than debate the merits or demerits of Cape Wind's offshore siting against its other site alternatives, is it more meaningful to measure the offshore sites against the underlying public policy governing offshore sites? Lacking a public policy for use of the Horseshoe Shoal / Nantucket Sound, reexamination by all the stakeholders once public policy is in the best interest of the citizens of Massachusetts.

Massachusetts is a state with a long proven record of innovation. When the innovators are at risk we call that capitalism, but when innovators put public assets at risk we call that something else - unfair.

In the power industry, the third nuclear power plant in America was built in Rowe, MA; pump storage facilities exist at Bear Swamp and at Northfield Mountain; conventional power plants populate our cities and towns within urban, suburban and rural settings; hydroelectric generation predominated our rivers such as the Connecticut, Deerfield, Merrimac and others. What all of these facilities have in common is that they are all regulated, in part, by departments of the federal government, the Commonwealth, county and local agencies for the common good. Subject to these jurisdictions, codes are enforced, standards are met, and inspectors hold to compliance standards. Projects are subject to taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and penalties; they are also subject to civil suits, criminal prosecution, levies, seizures, and foreclosure, if the events so warrant. Within the public policy portion of the public debate for approval of these projects we hold referendums, votes, create enabling legislation, write laws, and possibly have court tests. All the federal, regional, county, local approvals – taken together - are a true test of perseverance - but as such they are also bring transparency as well.

When the due process of the public debate is short circuited as with Cape Wind, using a jurisdictional loophole, there are often unanswered contextual and content issues. The contextual issues involve tradeoffs such as demand versus supply; development versus control; gains versus risk; approval versus compliance; and, regulation versus enforcement – each are building blocks in the project development process.

According to Ritter, "Environmental groups, fans in principle of "green" power, can be caught in the middle. 'We've been really clear all along, we absolutely support wind energy as long as facilities are appropriately sited,' says Jeff Miller, Bay Area wildlands coordinator for the Center for Biological Diversity, which took 12 companies to court", so far. Why? Because "Windmills .... draw fire when they're planned in areas prized for

their pristine landscapes".

In simple terms, as an example, copyright and patent law protects inventions and inventors from intruders that may reap unjust rewards from value created by others. Taking away value, arguably, unjustly capturing monetary rewards, or diminishing established economic positions have a cost too, that can be measured in absolute numbers. Cape Wind should not be allowed to build risk in a "pristine landscape", nor should Cape Wind unjustly reap monetary reward from these public assets.

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## Statement in Support for the Cape Wind Project

February 15, 2005

These comments have been prepared and submitted on behalf of Clean Air-Cool Planet to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs, to help them consider whether to approve the Draft Environmental Impact Statements/Reports prepared for the Cape Wind Energy Project. In light of the important contribution of this indigenous wind resource and the Cape Wind Project's role in helping enable Massachusetts and the region curb its consumption of fossil fuel for electric generation and helping the state in satisfying its important policy objectives as reflected in its Renewable Portfolio Standard and its Climate Action Plan, Clean Air-Cool Planet urges the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs to approve the environmental reports for this project.

Clean Air - Cool Planet is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that exists to address the threat posed by global warming. We work with corporations, campuses, and communities in the Northeast region, promoting cost-effective and pragmatic solutions to this growing environmental problem.

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Electricity is one of modern life's essentials, and electric companies serve the common good. Insofar as the electric industry poses risks or does harm to society, society has the responsibility to respond with realistic solutions. Inevitably, building our power supply infrastructure pits the interests of individuals against the public good. When a solution employs a generating technology that possesses a superior environmental profile, strengthens the local economy, and helps put us on an environmentally and economically sustainable path, the common good should take precedence over individual concerns. That is the case with the Cape Wind Energy Project.

Cape Wind represents a bold and innovative solution to our energy needs, and it sets an important precedent for our region and the nation. Clean Air - Cool Planet believes that developing and deploying advanced clean-energy technology within the region is essential to our economic and environmental future. On Cape Cod, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and throughout New England and the Northeast, we must bring on line local energy resources that are sustainable, helping to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and slowing the build-up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Our partner institutions, leading campuses, communities and corporations, have shown a growing interest in supporting regionally based renewable energy resources. Of the current choices, wind is perhaps most cost-effective, and the technology exists today to harness this natural resource on a scale that can make a significant impact by eliminating aging power plants linked to carbon pollution. Modern turbines, carefully sited to have limited impacts, and designed to provide cost-competitive electricity, pollution-free wind energy win our enthusiastic support.

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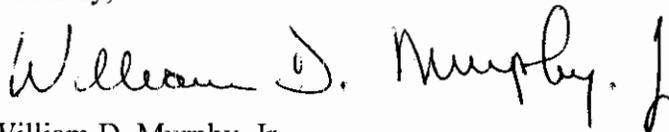
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I believe the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate in many areas, including, but not limited to, air and boat navigation safety, impact to birds and other wildlife, pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation, visual pollution and associated economic and tourism impacts, and the analysis of alternative sites.

I live on Cape Cod, boat on Nantucket and Vineyard Sounds, and am completely against this wind farm.

Please do not go forward with this idea in this location.

Sincerely,



William D. Murphy, Jr.

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Feb 14<sup>th</sup> '05

Dear Colonel Thomas Koning:

God gave us this  
wonderful and beautiful  
Nantuxet Sound  
Please don't destroy it.  
It will never be the  
same.

Thank you for  
understanding our feelings.

Sincerely,

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February 15, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning,  
U.S. Army of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning:

I am writing to express my  
opposition to the Cape Wind project.

Nantucket Sound belongs to the people,  
and this project will impact adversely  
not only Cape Codders, but also boaters,  
wildlife, birds, and there is always the  
possibility of oil spills.

"JUST SAY NO."

Sincerely

Adella G. Brussman

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10, Walnut Ridge Rd.,  
Greenville, DE 19807-1634

Tuesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning,  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
696, Virginia Rd.,  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning,

I wish to add my name to those claiming that the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate in numerous areas, including navigation safety, impact on birds and other wild life and various potential pollution issues.

I urge you to reconsider these issues.

Yours Sincerely,

Ruskin Longworth



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12 Harvard Street  
South Yarmouth.  
MA. 02664

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 2005

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Re: "Save Our Sound."

Col. Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord. MA. 01742.

Dear Colonel Koning,

I'm writing to urge more assessment to be done before any plan to erect wind turbines is considered for Nantucket Sound. It seems that a modicum of power will be constant not an appreciable and reliable large amount. Besides the <sup>lack and/or</sup> availability of the wind + the breakdown of any blade will substantially reduce the power. Much too risky it seems! Ocean power is what we need - turbines powered by Planetary motion - absolutely reliable.

Please consider this letter seriously.

Thank you. Elizabeth Hoff.

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Comment Sheet  
On Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
For the proposal for an Offshore Wind Project  
In Nantucket Sound

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SANDWICH MA 02563

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Please state your questions/comments in the space below:

Dear Sir,

I have been following this offshore wind project and can't believe its got this far. The information thats been given out is just inadequate. A lot of questions are being unanswered. I don't hear anything on the pollution being caused building this monstrous project and about what could happen staying all this oil. Looking out at the beautiful waters of Nantucket Sound and then 24 some of massive windmills, what a shame. Nobody knows what it will do to the birds migrating and the fish in the ocean, with some people depend on for their lively hoods. I boat from Falmouth to Nantucket, what about the navigation safety and for planes too. Cape Cod is a natural beauty, well know around the world, don't destroy it. It will never be the same

Thank you very much

Philip Wright

Please fold this questionnaire in half, affix two stickers or pieces of tape, and mail it to the address listed on the other side.



M Mrs. Marjorie Mogensen  
63 Rosemary Ln  
East Falmouth MA 02536-6175

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Dear Sir -  
Shalom

I am deeply concerned with  
regard to the Cape Wind Drast  
Environment Impact Statement.

It is completely inadequate in  
many areas: impact to wildlife,  
pollution threats from oil,  
visual pollution, associated  
economic and tourism  
and analysis of alternative  
sites.

Please give this your  
attention. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs) Marjorie Mogensen

MARGARET S. BOLES  
225 CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD  
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Feb. 14, '05

Col. Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Rd.  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning:

We have read many articles on the Cape Cod project, both pro and con. In the end, my husband, Dr. Boles, and I have concluded that there is not, nor will there ever be, sufficient argumentation to support the construction of any or all of the huge generational structures.

Yours sincerely,  
Margaret S Boles

COLONEL THOMAS KONING  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
696 VIRGINIA RD.  
CONCORD, MASS. 01742

FEBRUARY 15, 2005

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DEAR SIR:

I'M WRITING TO YOU AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN  
OF NANTUCKET SOUND.

THE CAPE WIND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT IS INADEQUATE IN MANY AREAS,  
INCLUDING: AIR AND BOAT NAVIGATION SAFETY,  
IMPACT TO BIRDS AND OTHER WILDLIFE, POLLUTION  
THREATS FROM OIL ON THE TRANSFORMER SUBSTATION,  
VISUAL POLLUTION AND ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC  
AND TOURISM IMPACTS, AND THE ANALYSIS OF  
ALTERNATIVE SITES.

NANTUCKET SOUND IS A NATIONAL TREASURE,  
WE MUST PROTECT IT.

VERY TRULY YOURS

Ignas J. Vileniskis

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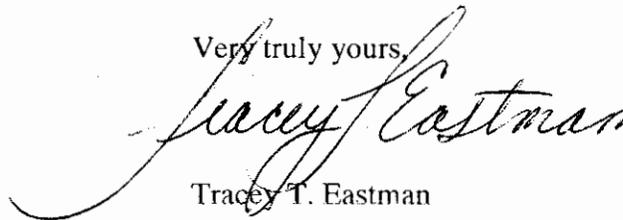
RE: Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Colonel Koning:

I am writing on behalf of my husband, Peter C. Eastman, and myself, to express our great disappointment with the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The draft EIS is completely inadequate in many areas, including the following: air and sea navigation safety, wildlife impact, pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation, visual pollution and its associated economic and tourism impacts, and the analysis of alternative sites.

It is our sincere hope that Cape Wind submit a revised EIS before this project is given any more consideration.

Very truly yours,



Tracey T. Eastman

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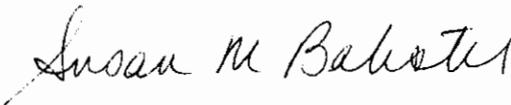
Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning:

We are writing to you to tell you that we feel that the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate in many areas, including: air and boat navigation safety, impacts to birds and other wildlife, pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation, visual pollution and associated economic and tourism impacts and the analysis of alternative sites.

Please reconsider our sound, and save it!

Sincerely,



Frank & Susan Balester



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Charmaine Sargent  
32 Carleton Drive  
Mashpee, MA 02649

February 12, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel:

Please save our sound from the impact of the Cape Winds Project. There are many other alternative sights for this project. I don't believe anyone can fully predict the impact this project might have on our beautiful Cape Cod waters, coastline, fishing grounds, tourism and wildlife. This project is going to be offensive to many and of no benefit to those most impacted by its ugly and potentially dangerous presence. I am deeply concerned about the possibility of pollution and industrial accidents that may occur in these waters. Please consider moving this project somewhere else.

Sincerely,



CHARMAINE SARGENT

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Comment Sheet  
On Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
For the proposal for an Offshore Wind Project  
In Nantucket Sound

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Phone Number (Please include area code): (508) 771-6219

Email Address:

Please state your questions/comments in the space below:

There are many reasons I am in favor of this Wind Farm. We must begin to reduce our dependance on foreign oil which comes from the most unstable areas of the world and the most dangerous countries as well. There is a finite supply of oil and a growing demand for it from the West and now from China and India, too. As a few, I also do not want to be dependant on Arab oil and I also don't support nuclear power because of all the dangers and the big problem of nuclear waste. We as a country, must begin to explore the use of alternative, clean power, such as wind, solar, water, etc. The only argument on the other side is the aesthetic aspect, which is bogus in my opinion.

I did attend the meeting at the Mattachine School, but was unable to speak due to time restrictions.

Another point, if there was oil in Nantucket

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Sound, you can be sure there would be oil rigs there, not pretty at all, and I remember the devastation to wildlife of the Buzzards Bay oil spill.

**Robin Maslowski**  
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Karen Kirk-Adams  
Cape Wind Energy EIS Project  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

I implore you to support the Cape Wind project in the upcoming months. There are countless benefits surrounding this project, including the elimination of \$60 million in foreign oil from America's energy costs and the provision of over 1000 jobs in the Cape Cod area. These off-shore wind turbines would meet 75% of Cape Cod's energy needs and prevent one million tons of carbon dioxide and thousands of tons of sulfides from being released into the atmosphere each year.

With all of Cape Wind's positive aspects, it is hard to refute. Nonetheless, Cape Cod residents resist this universally beneficial project based on aesthetics. However, from the shore, each turbine would look no larger than the top of your thumb.

As an engineering student at Olin College in Needham, MA and a former employee of the Wind Energy division at the Utah Energy Office, I feel that I am relatively informed about the merits and drawbacks of wind power. A recent discussion with a Cape Cod resident highlighted that these residents are not thoroughly informed about wind technology. I hope that the potentially uninformed residents do not block a valuable project which your agency reports has non-negligible predicted environmental damage.

Thank you,



Robin Maslowski

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February 11, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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Concord, Massachusetts 02174

RE: Comments to the ACOE DEIS

Dear Colonel Koning:

I have attended yours and the Cape Cod Commission's public hearings on the Cape and as a member of the Massachusetts Ocean Management Task force conducted hearings on Ocean Management on the Cape. From that experience and my experience as a Coast Guard Officer and Admiralty attorney, I believe that your Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has failed to take several factors in consideration.

1. I see little if any weight placed on the Navigational Safety study completed by Admiral McGowan. You have chosen to ignore all the possible scenarios that could have a catastrophic outcome. Granted we are not capable of eliminating all risk in any venture, but in all my years working with the ACOE, I have never observed you to permit ANY "hazards to navigation" in projects you have approved. Your complete disregard and failure to include these possibilities mystify me. In past DEIS you have always weighed all the possibilities in the report and at least publicly dismissed them. Why were they not addressed?

2. Many people have raised the question of whether it at all makes sense to permanently moor a single hulled oil barge in Nantucket Sound because that is effectively what you are doing by placing a tower laden with 45,000 gallons of oil in the heart of Horseshoe Shoals! The 2003 Buzzard's Bay oil spill was 55,000 gallons. Unlike that spill in open water, an accident with the tower will end up on a beach on the Cape and in State Waters. I believe this threat alone, vests jurisdiction over this project with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as to a Consistence Determination. Massachusetts would not permit such a tower constructed in State Waters.

3. From my experience in port safety and homeland security, a question never raised in the DEIS was that of security. The Coast Guard is tasked with establishing security zones on the seaward side of the Pilgrim and Sandwich plant. Will Homeland Security dictate a security zone around the Nantucket wind powered electric plant and will, as in Sandwich and Pilgrim, the Coast Guard be required to preclude or even limit transit through the area? I believe they will be so mandated by present Homeland Security regulations

4. As a Commissioner for the Cape's Largest Airport (and third busiest in the Commonwealth) I am concerned about the navigational hazard of the towers on commuter aircraft. The Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission (and Nantucket & Martha's Vineyard airports) has expressed its' concern for safety. But your report fails to mention that opposition as it fails to mention opposition from FAA controllers, Steamship Authority, Chambers of Commerce, Town Governments and private and Governmental Fishing organization. Additional, despite several attempt to ascertain the navigational and aviation light requirement to ensure that the towers and blades are not a hazard to nighttime navigation, none have been

forthcoming. The DEIS spends less than a sentence on this topic. Have you considered it at all? My experience as a Coast Guard ship driver and a private pilot says the towers will be lighted to be visible at great distance to ensure safety. Three to four lights will be required per tower (390-420 lights) and the blades (specifically the highest point of the blade) must be lit. The light pollution will be that of a city.

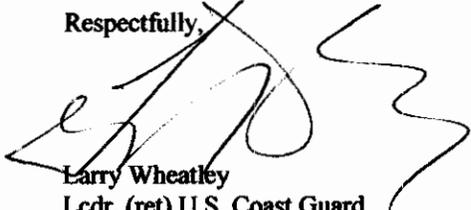
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5. With the exception of one sentence, the Corp has completely ignored the issue of noise and the acoustics' law of refraction. Noise generated over water travels many times further than if produced on land. Decibel levels do not diminish as rapidly. Not only will the Power Plant create turbine and prop noise, but the effect of 137 non-synchronized fog horns on a foggy evening will be overwhelming to anyone downwind.

I believe that although not previously successful in the United States, wind driven energy may have a place in our national policy. Wind generation can reduce pollutants but unfortunately will not take off line our dirtiest of plants, because the generation levels will be unpredictable and backup must be standing by to fill the gap. Regrettably that means that the dirtier coal and oil plants will run at 100% because they take more time to bring up, while the faster start up, cleaner running gas plants will be held in reserve to fill in the deficiency.

Once the towers are placed in the Sound, there is no return to the status quo. We should ensure ourselves that the benefit TO THE CAPE outweighs the detriment to the Cape. For these and many other concerns voiced by the citizens of Cape Cod, governmental bodies on the Cape and the Commonwealth, alternative sites must be explored. For if there are no other suitable sites, then there will be NO ADDITIONAL wind driven electric plants in the country. Therefore in light of the cost, uncertainties and the lack of a National Policy no wind plants, including Horseshoe Shoals, should and will be built.

Respectfully,



Larry Wheatley  
Lcdr. (ret) U.S. Coast Guard  
Commissioner, Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission

CC: Governor Mitt Romney  
Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound  
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February 15, 2005

Karen Kirk-Adams  
Cape Wind Energy EIS Project  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District  
696 Virginia Road,  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Ms. Adams:

The past weekend I skied in Vermont. While riding the chair lift to the top of Lincoln Peak I was struck by the pristine beauty of the snow covered terrain and the unspoiled view of the distant mountains. For some reason my thoughts turned to the many times I and my family have spent in enjoying the same magnificent beauty of Nantucket Sound.

You have heard all of the negative reasons why the Cape Wind Energy Project should be denied and they have my full support. I strongly advocate alternative energy development, however, the CWEP is for the most part experimental and will in the long term be a tragic mistake.

I hope you agree.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Martin M. Scanlon

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February 14, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Rd.  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning:

We are writing to say that the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact statement is inadequate in many areas, including: air and boat navigation safety, impacts to birds and other wildlife, pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation, visual pollution and associate economic and tourism impacts, and the analysis of alternative sites.

Please do not approve any test or construction plans for this organization.

Very truly yours,

*Jane Carroll*

*Robert J. Carroll*

Jane and Robert Carroll  
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**Jeannine Gailey**

108 Timber Drive , Portage, Pennsylvania 15946

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Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742-2751

**Subject: Ensure 'Cape Wind' Project Is Safe for Wildlife**

Dear Colonel Koning:

Before you approve or deny a permit to erect 130 turbines in Nantucket Sound, please require the developer to conduct the thorough studies recommended by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Specifically, the environmental review of this project should include:

- Three full years of visual observations of birds - 12 months of radar observations of flying wildlife - A thorough and timely review of the project's potential effect on wildlife, including marine mammals

These factors will help determine whether the Cape Wind project is in the best interests of both the public and wildlife.

As it is written, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' draft environmental impact statement is hopelessly flawed, because it ignores relevant information and draws conclusions based on inadequate research.

This project could be the first marine wind energy facility in the United States. As such, it will set a precedent for other offshore renewable energy projects.

Please require a rigorous, scientific review of its environmental effects. Clean air and healthy wildlife populations are not mutually exclusive. We need both.

Sincerely,



Jeannine Gailey

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Paul E. Leary  
17 Bayside Lane  
Kingston, MA 02364

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February 16, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01762

Dear Colonel Koning:

### **Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

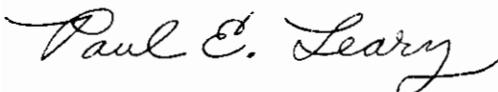
In April 2002, I was flying from London, U.K., to Hamburg, Germany. As we approached Hamburg, we were flying over beautiful countryside when we came upon miles of wind draft "Propellers" (virtually the same look and height as those discussed in your Impact Statement. My immediate reaction was that this beautiful countryside turned ugly and seemed wasted. I turned to the person beside me and asked if he knew what these windmills were. The person--from Hamburg--explained what they were and their purpose. He also said, "They are ugly and were never really needed."

As a life-long Massachusetts resident and owner of two homes in Massachusetts, I feel the Corps' Impact Statement is remiss in its discussion, or lack thereof, relative to the visual, environmental, financial, and overall need impact of this proposal that will make a small number of people wealthy at the cost of: wildlife; one of the country's most beautiful ocean ways; and at the risk of possible future calamities and pollution.

I urge the Corps of Engineers to look at the need and true impact of this project and, at the very least, at other location possibilities that don't have the substantial adverse impact that this site and proposal would have.

In short, let's not ruin Nantucket Sound and jeopardize the wildlife, the economics of the area, and the natural beauty. We don't need this -- just as Germany didn't need it.

Very truly yours,



Paul E. Leary

*Bayside House  
on Kingston Bay*



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# Boston

Thomas M. Menino, Mayor

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FEBRUARY 15TH, 2005

**TO: COLONEL THOMAS KONING  
UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS  
OF ENGINEERS.**

**SUBJECT: ENVIORNMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT !**

**DEAR SIR,**

**PLEASE EXCEPT MY PERSONAL LETTER OF OPPOSITION  
FROM BOTH MY FAMILY, AND MOST ESPECIALLY FROM MY  
NINE YEAR OLD GRANDSON, AND HIS GRANDCHILDREN WHO  
SWIM AND FISH AND DREAM OF SUMMER DAYS OF BEAUTY.**

**WE RESIDE AT ENGLEWOOD BEACH AND ENJOY THE  
WATERS OF NANTUCKET SOUND. PLEASE SAVE OUR  
SOUND , INCLUDING BEING OF SOUND MIND CAN YOU  
PLEASE CEASE AND DISSUADE OTHERS IN YOUR PATH.**

**WE ARE ON OUR KNEES ! PLEASE FIND SOME OTHER SPOT  
TO RUN TWO UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC CABLES THAT WILL  
BE UNDER MY GRANDCHILDS BELLY AS HE SWIMS AT THE  
END OF BERRY AVE. (ALSO INCLUDES COLUMBUS AVE)  
PUBLIC BEACH.**

**RESPECTFULLY ANDREW J BERNARD JR.**

**44 MAINE AVE.**

**WEST YARMOUTH MA. 02673-5817**

**PLEASE>>> NO>WIND>FARM !> NOT SO CLOSE TO LIFE !**



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February 15, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Rd.  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning:

The Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate. Some of the areas that have not been adequately addressed are: the fishing industry impact, air and boat navigation safety, impacts to birds and other wildlife, pollution threats from oil and associated economic and tourism impacts.

My family has owned a home on the ocean at Cape Cod since the early fifties. I was a military wife and my husband, Colonel Robert H. Webster U.S. Army (deceased) and I moved to the Cape after retiring. We owned a small business and we enjoyed our life here. Even in the winter the views from my mother's home are spectacular. Just the other day we saw a seal pup trying to find just the right ice floe to go for an afternoon ride. There are swans and all varieties of birds on my river.

Not only does this seem like a crime to my family and I, but I believe it is just to make money for some select few, perhaps like the Big Dig. Well shame on all those who are participating in this. I have seen what it looks like with these monstrosities and have read how little they actually have done. Actually I can see the one that is there right out my mothers picture window. Please help us to protect our simple natural beauty.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Webster



42 River's Edge Road  
East Falmouth, MA 02536

Dear Colonel Konig,

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My husband and I are very hopeful  
that your Environmental Impact Statement will  
also include boat and navigation safety (including  
airplanes - particularly small ones) and possible (probable)  
impact on birds & fish wildlife. We'd also like  
to see some analysis of other possible sites. Our  
children and grand children sail in that area  
and so love the quiet and peaceful times that  
are beloved in Buzzards Bay -

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,  
Mahona O'Brien

**Theodore A. DeFelice**  
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February 10, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning,

I write this letter to express my negative feelings regarding the *CapeWind Draft Environmental Impact Statement*. Unfortunately, your Statement is sorely lacking concerning air and boat navigation safety. You need to go fishing at Horseshoe Shoals. Envision a battery of monstrous wind towers all around you as you are drift fishing for stripers and bluefish. It's a serene day, the sun is shining and you are just smilingly happy to be away from the crush of humanity. Of course, you are deeply resentful of those monster windmills. Suddenly a squall rumbles in with a severe increase in wind intensity. Time to crank up and get into safe harbor. You very nonchalantly place your fingers on the key to crank the engine, knowing that the response will be a purring 115 Evinrude BUT your "never-fail-you" coughs and sputters as the strong wind pushes you toward the evil monsters ready to bash you and your boat to smithereens. The calm waters of Nantucket Sound have turned into heavy seas and you are now faced with disaster. WHY? Because somebody has not giving any thought or consideration to the boats that ply those waters! Have you ever been out there when a fog bank rolls in and you can't see 10 feet ahead of you? How about the birds? How about oil pollution threats from the transformer substation? How about we just find alternative sites that will be just as effective and that will not be an endangerment to the lives of our fishermen or our mariners. Nantucket Sound is a jewel that needs to be protected from any callous attempts at usurpation by unscrupulous people bent on the destruction of nature's beauty primarily for financial gain!! I have nothing against wind power. I think it's great BUT I cannot condone this wind farm in our beautiful jewel...Nantucket Sound!!

SAVE OUR SOUNDly yours,

  
Ted DeFelice

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**Albert C. Patterson, IV**  
45 Freeman Street  
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February 15, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning:

Re: Cape Wind Project

After reviewing the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement your office was kind enough to send me, I have the following comments.

The EIS draft is inadequate in many areas, including: air and boat navigation safety, impacts to birds and other wildlife, pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation, visual pollution and associated economic and tourism impacts, and the analysis of alternative sites.

An experiment of this magnitude in this location is the wrong experiment, in the wrong place, and at the wrong time. While I enthusiastically support green energy sources when responsibly developed, I cannot support this project.

Yours truly,



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February 9, 2005

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Karen K. Adams  
Cape Wind Energy Project EIS Manager  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742-2751  
File # NAE-2004-338-1

Dear Ms. Adams:

The American Lung Association (ALA) of Massachusetts is in strong support of the Cape Wind Energy Project in Nantucket Sound. The ALA of Massachusetts encourages and supports non-polluting sources of energy since these sources reduce the negative effects of pollution on the air we breathe.

Massachusetts continues to be home to some of the highest asthma rates in the nation. Air pollution contributes to this high prevalence of asthma and it has, in recent years, caused counties throughout the state to experience high ozone days and smog alerts during the hot summer months. The American Lung Association estimated that in Massachusetts during 2000 and 2002, nine hundred thousand people with lung disease and asthma, and nearly every one of its six million citizens were exposed to unhealthy air.

To reduce ozone air pollution, the ALA of Massachusetts supports the use of controls on pollution emissions produced by the commercial and industrial sources of the hydrocarbon compounds and oxides of nitrogen that form ozone, including stricter pollution control requirements for power plants. Reducing emissions from these power plants is an important step toward cleaner air in Massachusetts and the region.

The ALA of Massachusetts believes that projects such as the one proposed by Cape Wind Associates are an important step toward helping deliver energy to Massachusetts while reducing the negative effects of pollution on our air.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey E. Seyler  
Chief Executive Officer

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
REPRESENTATIVE PAUL E. MOURA *District 2*

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February 16, 2005

Karen Kirk-Adams  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District  
Cape Wind Energy EIS Project Manager  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, Ma. 01742

Dear Ms. Kirk- Adams:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Cape Wind Project, which would add up to 420 megawatts of clean and renewable electricity into the New England electrical grid. As you may know, the Rhode Island Legislature in 2004 enacted a new renewable portfolio standard (RPS) (Chapter 26 of the Public Laws of 2004) for the purpose of reducing air emission, mitigating global warming, stabilizing energy costs and fostering economic development in new generating technologies. I was pleased to be one of the primary sponsors of this pivotal legislation.

I urge you to complete your review of this proposal (now in its fourth year) with a prompt and favorable decision. This has been one of the most rigorous regulatory processes in the history of the region and has confirmed that there are no serious environmental impacts of the proposal that could offset its overwhelming public benefits.

I would ask that you act promptly because the full amount of Cape Wind's output will be needed shortly in order to meet the requirements of New England's various RPS programs and greenhouse gas commitment. Our Rhode Island RPS, for example, requires a 3 percent renewable content by 2007, with higher amounts required in the following years. These public goals can only be met with the timely approval of renewable projects of the commercial scale proposed by Cape Wind.

Sincerely,

Representative Paul E. Moura  
Deputy Majority Whip  
House District - 2

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Comment Sheet  
On Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
For the proposal for an Offshore Wind Project  
In Nantucket Sound

Name: Peter D. Hicks

Address: 40 Liberty Street  
Nantucket, MA  
02554

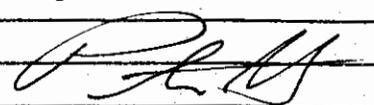
Phone Number (Please include area code): 508 228-4662

Email Address: hicks@nantucket.net

Please state your questions/comments in the space below:

I am strongly opposed to the Wind  
Farm project in Nantucket Sound. I don't  
feel that the benefits justify endangering  
the ecological system in a precious  
piece of this county. I support exploring  
alternative sources of energy but this is  
the wrong project, at the wrong time in  
the wrong location.

Sincerely,



Please fold this questionnaire in half, affix two stickers or pieces of tape,  
and mail it to the address listed on the other side.

Charles A. Soumas  
10 Hannah Circle  
Cotuit, MA 02635  
508-420-0072

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Karen K. Adams, EIS Manager  
Cape Wind Energy Project  
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696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 07142-2751

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**Subject: Wind Farm Questions**

Dear Ms. Adams:

It is possible some of the following questions may have been asked at one of your public meetings. However, if they have not, I would like the Corps to address them at this time.

- 1) What is the nature of the failures in the Denmark based wind farm that necessitated dismantling all the generators and shipping them to shore for repair? Although the generators and towers proposed by Cape Wind are probably of a different design, are any of the problems associated with the Denmark project generic in nature?
- 2) Has the Corps of Engineers made any studies relating to the gyroscopic torsional forces and stresses created in the tower structures when the generators turn to align themselves in the optimum direction with the prevailing wind? In a related vein have they studied the reasons why several towers in Altamont Pass, California toppled, and whether these or related factors would impact the Cape Wind towers?
- 3) Has the Corps studied or even considered what security measures should be taken to protect the towers from terrorist attacks (e.g. underwater scuba teams launched from one or more small boats offshore planting explosives underwater (under the cover of darkness) on the tower structures, the main feed to the mainland, and/or the transformer substation), AND what effect such explosions would have on the stability of the power grid, particularly if they occurred during peak power demand?
- 4) Has the Corps studied the short and long term environmental impact of the almost inevitable future oil leaks and/or spills both minor and catastrophic, from the transformer substation, and has Cape Wind developed any plans to minimize the impact, regardless of the toxicity of the oil? Have they studied what equipment would be required to contain the spills and implement the clean ups; where the equipment would be based; what the estimated reaction times to contain the spills and complete the cleanups would be; what

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John F. Stephens, Gen. Mgr.  
Global Development &  
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Karen Adams  
Project Manager, Regulatory Division  
US Army Corp of Engineers  
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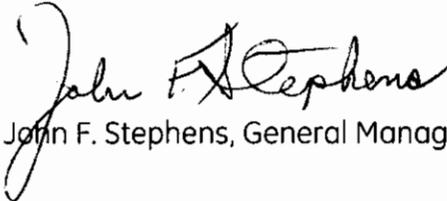
Dear Ms. Adams:

GE has had a history of working with Cape Wind's developer, Energy Management, Inc., in creating some of the most efficient and environmentally friendly power plants in New England. We noticed with great interest the recent release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the Cape Wind project by the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) and are confident that the Cape Wind project can deliver positive energy, environmental, and economic benefits to New England.

As a global provider of products and services to the wind power industry we have seen the favorable impact of wind energy in many parts of the world. Offshore wind energy in particular is an important part of Europe's power generation mix with a number of successfully operating projects having a beneficial impact on the economies and environments of the countries in which they operate. The trend continues in Europe with a number of other projects moving through the planning and development stage today.

Harnessing the abundant supply of offshore wind energy with projects like Cape Wind should be an important element of meeting America's future energy needs in a responsible manner.

Sincerely,



John F. Stephens, General Manager

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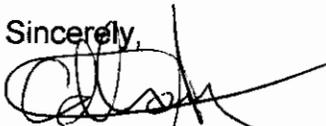
Dear Sir/Madam:

Have you ever been to the Altamont Pass, or the Tehachapi Pass? If you had, you would see vast seas of windmills with only a tiny percentage of them turning at any one time. The rest sit rusting away with some even missing blades. And what about the wind farm in Denmark that has been dismantled two years after it was built? The answer to the fuel situation is not to be found in electricity generation. It is to be found in more efficient cars, trucks, and buses. For clean electricity generation, there is nuclear power. France produces 80% of its electrical power with nuclear power stations. Cars are the problem and we should be doing more to get the automotive industry to clean up its act with hybrid, fuel cell, gasohol, LPG, and any other suitable technology.

Trashing Nantucket Sound will not solve the problem. All it will do is provide a nice little tax write off for someone using public space, and we'll have to hit the taxpayer to clean up the mess when they are rusting away in idyllic stillness in several years time. If, unlike in the 70's, we are actually serious about making this work, then Governor Romney has offered Boston Harbor as an alternative site for them and we do not have to defile an area of such outstanding natural beauty, environmental diversity, etc. One could sit at Logan Airport and admire them from afar and marvel at how they fit in with the power stations and smoke stacks and commercial shipping. This is not the answer. If however it proves to be the right direction to proceed in, then this is not the place. Perhaps we should think of putting them in Yosemite?

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Christopher McLaughlin

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Cotuit, Ma. 02635  
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U.S.Army Corps of Engineers  
New England District  
Regulatory Division  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord ,Ma. 01742-2751

Re: Cape Wind Energy Project  
File # NAE-2004-338-1

Att: Project Manager Karen K. Adams

Gentlemen:

I have been a year round resident of Cotuit for nine years, and a summer renter for forty years before becoming a home-owner. This letter is in opposition to proposed wind farm on Nantucket Sound.

Many other opponents have pointed out the devastating damage that a wind farm in Nantucket Sound would impose upon the economy and environment of Cape Cod. I will confine my comments to one argument against the wind farm, that is the long term effect upon the Cape's retirement community.

There is no question that the contribution of retirees to the Cape's economy has increased sharply in recent years. They hire repairmen and landscapers, they patronize restaurants and appliance stores, and most significantly, seniors rely more than any other group upon health care providers.

Moreover retirees do not leave after Labor Day. Although some go south in mid winter, many remain and continue to make liberal contributions to the local economy. Although most Cape seniors are not millionaire water front land owners, the majority of them are home owners, with the ability to do a modest amount of discretionary spending.

The importance of this segment of the Cape's society is obvious, but where do these retirees come from and why are they here? It can be assumed that the typical senior home owner on Cape Cod was previously a summer visitor, who came here on vacation with his family. He was a renter, or possibly the owner of a modest cottage, and he returned year after year, because he and his family enjoyed the beach, sailing, fishing, or just admiring the view of the water.

Contrary to the contention of Wind Farm advocates, people of modest means, as well as millionaires, enjoy a view of Nantucket Sound.

This typical summer visitor, along with many others, sold his home in Dedham or Worchester after reaching retirement age, and bought a year round home on Cape Cod. It is fair to state that

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the Cape real estate boom of recent years is due in part to the influx of retirees, who moved here because of the beach and water activities they enjoyed as summer visitors. For most people the warm water and spectacular views of Nantucket Sound are high on the list of Cape attractions. Clearly this list does not include 130 towers rising more than 400 feet above the surface.

Many opponents of the wind farm have argued correctly that the desecration of Nantucket Sound will damage tourism, which is considered the life blood of the Cape Cod economy. However I believe that an industrial project a few miles offshore will have a greater impact on the Cape's retirement population, and that the economic damage will be greater in the long term.

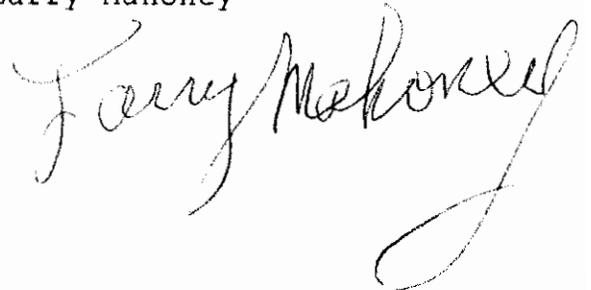
It is not likely that there would be a mass exodus of senior residents if the project is approved, although some retirees might hasten to put their homes on the market when the first tower appears off the beach.

However the group most severely affected by the wind farm would be the retirement community of the future, the vacationers who are approaching retirement age, and are making their plans for the future. It is probable that many if not most of these potential home owners will reconsider their retirement plans if the industrialization of Nantucket Sound is approved. It is not likely that a summer visitor who has been attracted by the Cape's beaches will invest his life's savings here so that he can spend his golden years viewing the lights of 130 wind towers.

There are many reasons to oppose the wind farm. I have confined my comments to the economic damage to Cape Cod that would result from the loss or reduction of the retirement community, as a consequence of the wind farm project. I respectfully request all relevant Government agencies to deny Wind Farm's application.

Sincerely,

Larry Mahoney



cc: Cape Cod Commission

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Comment Sheet  
On Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
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In Nantucket Sound

Name: MRS. DIANA McLAUGHLIN

Address: 4 PLUMB LANE  
NANTUCKET  
MA. 02554

Phone Number (Please include area code): 508 2285250

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state your questions/comments in the space below:

Dear Karen,  
I AM writing to implore you to deny  
a permit to install 130 wind turbine  
generators in Nantucket Sound.

It will affect our wildlife, boating and  
navigation safety - commercial fishing and  
most importantly destroy the natural beauty  
of Nantucket Sound; which is one of the most  
beautiful natural historic sites in America.  
We must preserve it for future generations.

There are many more places that  
these wind mills can put their monstrous  
turbines.

Why is it that one has to always  
fight for what is historic and beautiful.

Only the most uneducated and  
insensitive minds could have  
conceived of this project!!

Yours Sincerely  
Diana McLaughlin

Please fold this questionnaire in half, affix two stickers or pieces of tape,  
and mail it to the address listed on the other side.



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56 N. Main St., Suite 403  
Fall River, MA 02720  
Phone: 508-678-5497, Fax: 508-678-0856

February 17, 2005

Ms. Karen Kirk-Adams  
Cape Wind Energy EIS Project  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 017642-2751

Dear Ms. Kirk-Adams:

The Coalition for Social Justice endorses the Cape Wind proposal for a wind farm off the coast of Cape Cod.

CSJ is a ten-year-old organization that organizes and mobilizes voters around issues of concern to low-income and working families, including health care, public education, social welfare benefits, and employment opportunities. Based in New Bedford and Fall River, we have recently expanded our work into Brockton and upper Cape Cod.

The region we serve is intimately familiar with the costs and risks of depending on fossil fuels for our energy needs. We host two of the oldest, largest, dirtiest fossil-fuel power plants in New England. Brayton Point alone is calculated to be responsible for a hundred premature deaths and thousands of cases of asthma, cancer, and learning disabilities every year, mostly concentrated in the Fall River – Somerset area. Less than two years ago our coastlines from Wareham to Westport were spoiled and our fishing industry disrupted by the Bouchard oil spill, arising from a fuel delivery destined for the Mirant Canal power plant. Fall River is currently fighting plans to site an LNG terminal in a densely populated area, which would pose physical risks of fire and explosion as well as economic and health risks from closing bridges during fuel deliveries. And dozens of our residents are deployed in Iraq and other places protecting our access to foreign oil.

Measured against these tangible costs and risks, and given that your environmental report has found no significant adverse effects on navigation, fishing, or marine or bird life, we believe that this innovative project would be a great boon to the health and environment of our region and its people.

We also believe that the project would be of benefit economically. This area has suffered for generations from a scarcity of challenging and well-paying jobs and the consequent exodus of many of its young people. The Cape Wind project holds the promise of local jobs in a new, high-technology manufacturing sector, as well as construction, maintenance, and even education and tourism.

Southeastern Massachusetts should look forward to playing a leading role in the transition to clean, renewable energy. We appreciate your work in evaluating this project and your attention to our comments.

Sincerely,

Debra Fastino  
Co-director, Coalition for Social Justice

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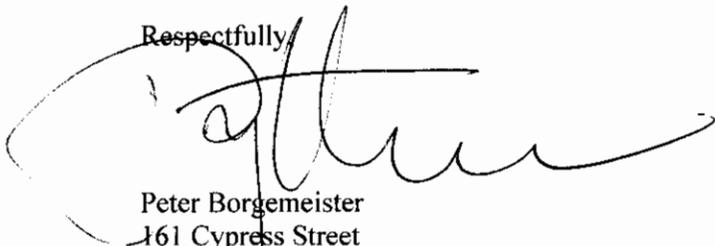
Dear Ms. Kirk-Adams:

I would like to express my strong **support** for the proposed Cape Wind project for the following reasons:

- We need to do everything possible to create more non-polluting, non-fossil fuel dependent power generation.
- I think the visual effects have been exaggerated. I have read that in Europe similar off-shore turbines have become tourist attractions.
- From what I have read this is an ideal site for such development with minimal impacts on navigation, recreation and fishing.

I urge you to approve the draft environmental impact study without further delay so that this vital project can proceed.

Respectfully,



Peter Borgemeister  
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Providence, RI 02906-2507  
Telephone: 401-447-5518; Fax: 401-351-1199

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January 27, 2005

Karen Kirk-Adams  
Cape Wind Energy EIS Project  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District  
696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742

Dear Ms. Kirk-Adams:

I am writing to express my support for the Cape Wind Energy Project to be located in Nantucket Sound off of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Since 1999, I have led project development efforts for Zilkha Renewable Energy, where we specialize in the development and construction of land-based wind farms across the country. Over the past seven years, my team and I have learned a lot about the various factors that are considered during the selection of a viable wind energy site. From the conclusions of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the opinions and testimony of many other government officials, business leaders, and environmental organizations, it is clear to me that the Cape Wind Energy Project will bring exceptional benefits to the state of Massachusetts.

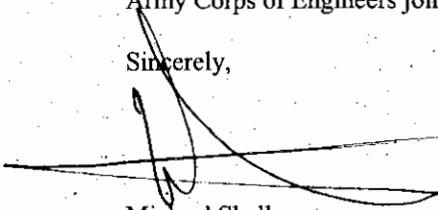
As you are aware, according to the Army Corps' draft EIS the Cape Wind project will bring numerous economic improvements to Massachusetts and to Cape Cod, including the creation of hundreds of construction jobs and lower regional electricity prices. Yet if the benefits of wind energy were only economic, it would not be so ardently supported by those with the dream of living in a clean environment. The beauty of wind energy is its promise to deliver affordable electricity to our communities without creating the pollutants that harm our health, degrade our environment, and disturb our climate. The Army Corps highlighted this in its conclusion that the Cape Wind Energy Project would save Massachusetts residents up to \$53 million in health care costs every year, and would significantly reduce the state's greenhouse gas and ozone emissions.

We at Zilkha recognize that the siting of the Cape Wind project in Nantucket Sound has caused controversy, and we understand and appreciate that the Sound is a special place that should be cherished. However, given the Army Corps' conclusions that the environmental impacts of the Cape Wind project on the Sound's ecosystem will be relatively benign, we believe that Cape Wind is the best possible way to bring renewable energy to the region. We must continue to support the growth of clean, sustainable energy sources if we are ever to overcome the much more environmentally destructive pollution caused by fossil fuel consumption.

Zilkha develops wind energy projects across the country. Every township and county in which we operate is considered special by the people who live there. I have heard many times from residents in areas where wind farms are proposed that they are prepared to accept the minor visual inconvenience of wind turbines for the clean energy, economic development, and environmental benefits they will bring. I have also heard from a few skeptical residents, "Why should I have to look at wind turbines if the rich people in Cape Cod don't have to?" I do not have a great answer for these skeptics, other than to suggest that the inconvenience is worth the benefit, and that I hope that on Cape Cod the wind project will be built as well.

The affordability of wind-generated electricity combined with its prevention of pollution makes wind energy an excellent resource for a sustainable energy future. The support of Massachusetts for the Cape Wind project would be a laudable step towards the state's goal of transitioning towards clean, renewable energy sources. I wholeheartedly hope that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers joins me in my support for the Cape Wind Energy Project.

Sincerely,

  
Michael Skelly  
Vice President of Development  
Zilkha Renewable Energy

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MRS. ROBERT A. BODKIN

P. O. BOX 1584

OAK BLUFFS, MA 02557

Karen Adams  
Cape Wind Energy  
U.S. Army Corps of Eng.  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord MA 01742

Feb 16 2005

Dear Ms. Adams -

Along with the elected officials of the State of Massachusetts on the Cape & the Islands I protest the construction of the proposed Cape Wind project. Aside from the visual and historic affronts to our home territory is the basic "significant hazard to the safe navigation" of the bays that are our lifeline to Martha's Vineyard.

Sincerely

Cora L. Bodkin  
(Mrs Robert A.)

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Karen Adams  
Cape Wind Energy Project E.I.S.  
U.S.Army Corp of Engineers  
New England District  
regulatory Division  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, Mass 01742-2751

Re: Cape Wind

As a resident of Marion, Mass and a twenty five year member of the International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers, I would like to inform you that I fully support the Cape Wind Project in Nantucket Sound.

My support is for all the right reasons cleaner air. oil imports, and to help boost our economy with jobs for the area. Our future will be brighter with less oil coming from the Mid-East. Thank you for taking the time to read this .



Ernest M. Correia  
19 River Rd.  
Marion Ma. 02738

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19 RIVER RD  
MARION MA 02738

Sarah Giaccai  
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Brighton, MA 02135

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February 16, 2005

Karen Kirk-Adams  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742-2752

Dear Ms. Kirk-Adams:

In a time where so many Americans are questioning the presence of our military in Iraq, I am astounded that a project such as the Cape Wind wind farm is being opposed by so many. In talking to friends, co-workers, and acquaintances it is so often that I hear about the "war for oil". How can we mourn for the loss of our soldiers that have fallen in the Middle East, say the we support them, put yellow ribbons on our cars, and then say that we oppose a wind farm that will lessen our need for oil - the thing that they are dying for?

Forget about oil for a second. I've been watching on the news last night and this morning clips from disaster movies and reports about how because of damage to the Earth's atmosphere could potentially cause flooding that would effect large areas of Boston. I do realize that your term ends long before that could happen, but isn't the job of a politician to improve things for their constituents as well as those who follow them? You and I may not be here 100 years from now when this threat could be more severe, but both of us will have children, grandchildren, neices, nephews, or even just the neighbors kids who would be there to witness it. These reports show that something needs to be done now to reduce emissions into the atmosphere to prevent this - and isn't that what happens with a wind farm and clean energy?

As if a war for oil isn't a good enough reason to support a wind farm, I certainly believe that preserving the city that we live in and love for future generations is. Wether we'll be here to witness the next war fought because of oil, or a flood that will cover half of downtown Boston is not an issue - it's a matter of doing the right thing for those that follow.

From my parents and teachers I learned that you should always leave a place better than you found it, and they didn't just mean a classroom or bedroom - I believe that they meant a city, a state, a country...a whole world. The Cape Wind project is a perfect opportunity to do that.

Sincerely,

*Sarah Giaccai*

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Army Corps of Engineers New England District  
Cape Wind Energy EIS Project  
Attn. Karen Kirk Adams  
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Dear Army Corps of Engineers New England District  
Cape Wind Energy EIS Project,

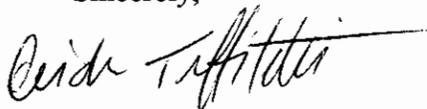
I would like to voice my support for the Nantucket Wind Farm. We can't put off and delay any longer the need for renewal energy resources such as, the wind farm. This nation has swept our dependency on fossil fuel under the rug for each new generation to deal with. Now is the time that I believe we need to make the changes from oil dependency to renewable energy.

The benefits of this wind farm far out weigh the potential "effects" that some people in the community are worried about. Right now the cape's air is 50% dirtier than Boston's! With the increase in asthma in children and year round allergies we would see many of these problems begin to decrease over the years. Electricity charges will be saved every year. And we will be part of the solution to stopping global climate changes instead of part of the problem.

I feel the concern about the effect on wildlife, navigation, and noise has been exaggerated greatly. I believe a few minor effects on navigation are worth the benefits the wind farm will bring. Our wildlife doesn't stand a chance against the negative environmental impacts that now bombard our land and water sources. We owe it to the animals also to try another approach to energy sustainability.

It is time to stop living in the past and plan for the long term of our state and country. We owe it to the future generations to start to fix the problems we have created now. We can not afford to push our environmental and energy problems off on the next generation. We have to act now and build this wind farm.

Sincerely,



Deidre Treffiletti  
Bourne, MA Resident

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alliance to protect nantucket sound

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Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
New England District  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

**Re: Cape Wind Project – Request for Meeting**

Dear Colonel Koning:

I am writing on behalf of the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound to request the opportunity to meet with the Corps to present its evaluation of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Cape Wind Project prior to the close of the comment period. The Alliance previously asked for this meeting by letter, dated December 28, 2004, and has not received a response from the Corps. Such a meeting is particularly important given the significance of the issue, the serious defects in the DEIS and the improper degree of access the applicant has been provided in the review process.

The Alliance has invested a considerable amount of time and resources into reviewing the DEIS. Our research confirms that a thorough assessment will demonstrate that the negative impacts of the proposed Cape Wind project far outweigh its benefits, and that the public interest compels permit denial. We will be holding meetings with other involved agencies, and would of course like to meet with the Corps for this purpose. Please contact me at (508) 775-9767 to schedule a meeting. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



Susan Nickerson  
Executive Director

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cc: Senator Edward Kennedy  
Congressman William Delahunt  
Governor Mitt Romney  
Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly  
Charles R. Smith, U.S. Army Corps  
Karen Kirk Adams, U.S. Army Corps  
Christine Godfrey, US Army Corps  
James Connaughton, Council Environmental Quality  
Dinah Bear, Council Environmental Quality  
Horst Greczmiel, Council Environmental Quality  
Elizabeth Higgins, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Timothy Timmerman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Vernon Lang, U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
Edward LeBlanc, U.S. Coast Guard  
Barry Drucker, Mineral Management Service  
Susan Snow Cotter, Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Office  
Truman Henson, CZM Cape Cod & Islands Regional Coordinator  
Jack Terrill, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Al Benson, U.S. Dept. of Energy  
Ellen Roy Herzfelder, Executive Office Environmental Affairs  
Phil Dascombe, Cape Cod Commission

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1 Oxford Road  
Woods. MA 02493

February 17 2005

Dear Col Koning

I am writing to you to express my concern about the Cape Wind Environmental Statement. I think that it is inadequate and does not express enough concern for Pollution, Boat Safety and Wildlife Protection. Please take these issues and the beauty of Nantucket Sound into serious consideration in the decisions for the future of Cape Cod.

Sincerely  
Nancy Connolly

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ERWIN R. BRILLIANT, D.D.S., P.C.  
118 MEADOWBROOK ROAD  
NEWTON CENTRE MA 02159  
TELEPHONE (617) 527-8184

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Dear Colonel Koning:

I am writing you to say that I feel that Cape Wind Impact Statement is totally inadequate in so many areas. I am a sailor and have sailed the Sound for so many years. I can't believe that you would allow it to be destroyed by letting Cape Wind build to produce questionable power! There are numerous other issues that make it a high risk low reward venture!

Sincerely,  
E. Brilliant

Colonel Thomas Koring

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As much as I approve of using alternative  
fuel sources to Arabian oil, I would distinctly  
prefer that these sources were land-based  
and did not fuel themselves constructed in  
Saudi.

Thank you.

Richard Kelly  
#812

Marshy Village  
Marshpee Cantonment  
New Seabury Massachusetts

Mrs. George C. Brannock

3600

February 15, 2005

Dear Colonel Koning:

The Corps' final Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inaccurate and inadequate in many areas, including air and boat navigation safety, impact on sea birds and other wilderness life, pollution threats from oil on the transponder rig, visual pollution of a magnificent ocean vista and the economic and tourism impacts that go along with that treasure view. The analysis of alternate sites is frightening also.

Please reconsider the Army Corps of Engineers approval.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy B. Brannock

1853 Sycamore Lane, Charlottesville VA 22903

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**Clyde H. Folley  
31 Dale Avenue  
Hyannis Port, MA 02647**

**February 14, 2005**

**Colonel Thomas Koning  
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742**

**Dear Colonel Koning;**

**Re; Nantucket Sound wind farm**

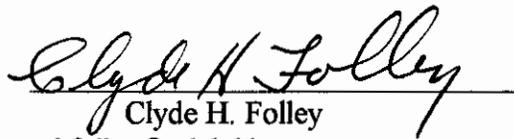
**As residents of Hyannis Port the proposed wind farm will be, as the saying goes " In our back yard". While that is not a reasonable objection there are so many others that make it irrelevant. As an introduction to our family please note that one of our sons is the chief environmental officer for the state of Alaska while the other markets industrial chemicals.**

**We, like most of our neighbors object to being flim- flammed. I use this expression because a group of foreign entrepreneurs have sold you on the idea that public land, albeit underwater, is available for private use and profit at no cost to them. The whole idea of a study by the Corps of Engineers as to the feasibility of the project is a perfect con game. Nantucket Sound is not available to them no more than would Yellowstone National Park or Mount Rushmore.**

**As far as providing pollution free power, that is very debatable. The potential for spills from the turbines that are driven by the vanes is very real as is the danger to local birds and fish. Beyond the there is such a thing as visual pollution as recognized by laws that forbid billboards along many of our National Highways.**

**You are premature in undertaking any action on this matter. The applicable governing bodies must first determine the legality of this project on the proposed site.**

**Sincerely,**

  
Clyde H. Folley  
chfolley@adelphia.net

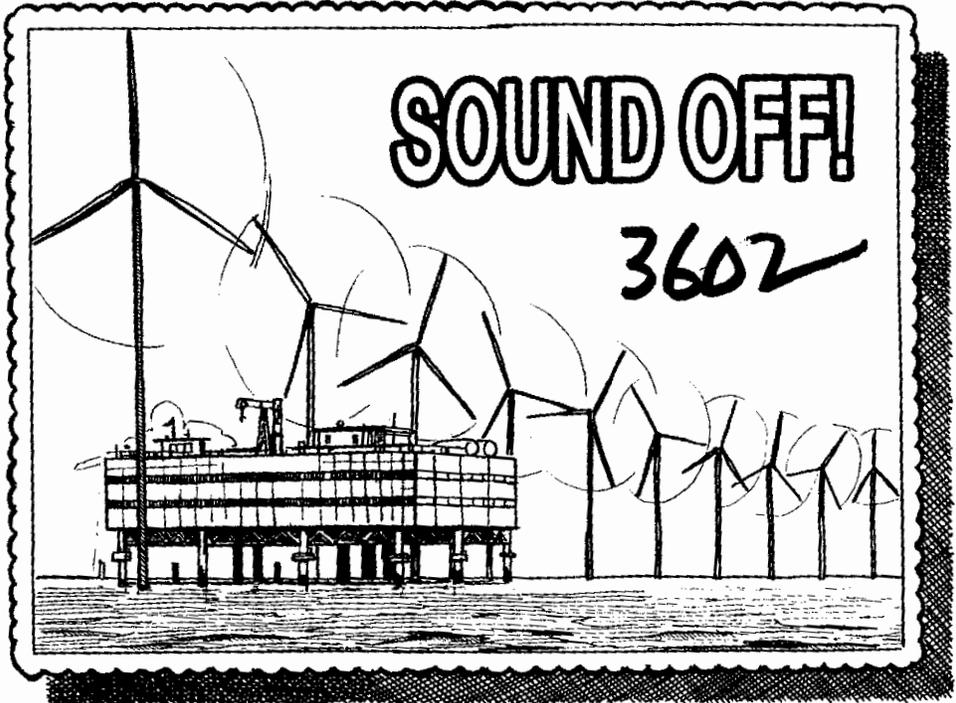
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Engineers  
696 Virginia Rd.  
Concord, MA 01742



Dear Colonel Koning,

We feel very strongly that this industrial development doesn't belong in such a treasure as Nantucket Sound. It would surely have a negative impact on the environment in many ways. The Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate regarding oil pollution threats from the transformer substation, airplane and boat navigation safety, impact on wildlife, and visual and sound pollution.

We are for wind energy, but feel that this is the wrong place. Alternative sites should be considered more closely.

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Sincerely,  
Gail LaPrade  
Vermont

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Feb. 17, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Re: Nantucket Sound

Dear Sir:

I want to go on record to say that the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate in many areas, including air and boat navigation safety, impacts to birds and other wildlife, pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation, visual pollution and associated economic and tourism impacts, and the analysis of alternative sites.

I am a taxpayer of Mashpee, MA and am very concerned.

Thank you.

Bessie A. Kenis

P.O. Box 778

MASHPEE, MA 02649

Dear Colonel Honinsy:

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Over the years the Army Corps of Engineers has developed and built projects that have greatly benefited our nation and people. You have a proud record.

I feel it would be awful to harm that record by allowing Cape Wind to build "an experiment" in the pristine waters of Nantucket Sound. It is easy to foresee numerous disasters with this wind farm. The sound is too delicate a piece of nature to toy with.

I also feel a private developer

has no right to use this area.  
It is hard to imagine this  
monstrosity, fraught with danger  
sitting in Nantucket Sound.

Lets face it, globally there  
are many negative things happening;  
there is no need to add to  
the ecological damage especially  
in such a beautiful place.

Thanks for your consideration.

Truly  
Greg Label

981 A Main  
Osterville Ma  
02655

Feb. 14, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning: **3605**

The Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate for many reasons including the impact it will have on birds and other wildlife as well as air and boat navigation,

Please accept my concern on this matter.

Sincerely,

Helen S. Whitlock

Box 325

Eastham, MA 02642

The Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is INADEQUATE in many areas, including: air and boat navigation safety, impact to birds and other wildlife, pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation, visual pollution and associated economic and tourist impacts, and the analysis of alternative sites.

I believe this has been tried before and was not successful - towers had to be removed. A lot of wasted, unnecessary expense.

PLEASE - lets not make this mistake again.

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Thank you.

Nantucket Sound needs to remain as is.

**Lynn M. Schweinshaut  
2 Sea Breeze Avenue  
Harwich Port, MA 02646**

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February 11, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning;

I am writing to express my concerns for the proposed wind farm in Nantucket Sound. I feel that the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate in many areas, including: air and boat navigation safety, impacts to birds and other wildlife, pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation, visual pollution and associated economic and tourism impacts, and the analysis of alternative sites.

Additionally I am very concerned with the use of our oceans by private industry. As stated by Senator Robert O'Leary, "Neither the federal government nor the state have established ground rules with respect to the private use of private development of public waters for purposes of wind energy generation." I feel that the waters off our coast belong to everyone and should not be developed privately.

Let us not rush into a project that could have long term ill effects.

Sincerely,



Lynn Schweinshaut

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**Kurt R. Schweinshaut  
4 Thayer Farms Road  
Attleboro, MA 02703**

February 11, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning;

I am writing to express my concerns for the proposed wind farm in Nantucket Sound. I have spent my entire life boating and fishing in Nantucket Sound including the Horseshoe Shoals area. I have enjoyed the serenity of this area and would hate navigating around unsightly towers that would ruin an area that should be looked on as a national park.

I believe that the wind towers will prevent many people like me from continuing to enjoy the area and that wind farm towers will be an eye soar to the cape seascape. But more importantly I feel that the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate in many areas, including: air and boat navigation safety, impacts to birds and other wildlife, pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation, visual pollution and associated economic and tourism impacts, and the analysis of alternative sites.

New fuels must and will be coming in the near future. I am afraid that when these towers become even less efficient they will crumble into the sea creating a junkyard.

Sincerely,



Kurt Schweinshaut

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**Captain John W. Harrer**  
**Yacht Deliveries**

Box 1764  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
USA

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Phone (508) 693-6708  
E-Mail [5harrer@cape.com](mailto:5harrer@cape.com)

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning,

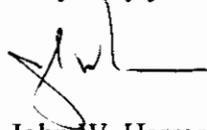
I am writing to voice my concern that the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate in many areas.

As a licensed professional mariner and a licensed pilot, I am convinced that air and boat navigation will be dangerously affected in this busy crossroads. As a local property owner and professional house builder, my assets will certainly be negatively impacted by the visual pollution of this project, as will area industries that are tourism related. The ecological effects of building this massive project are unknown and the threat of oil pollution from the transformer substation to this pristine place, arguably one of the most beautiful and unique areas in the country, is terrifying.

It appears that little effort has been made to analyze alternative sites, yet shoal water abounds east of Nantucket, over the horizon and inside shipping routes. If this project has merit, and even that appears debatable, it does not warrant the slightest risk to the safety and livelihood of the Cape and Islands populace or the natural splendor of Nantucket Sound.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



John W. Harrer

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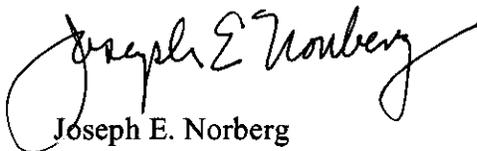
February 16, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineering  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Colonel Koning:

I am writing to register my opposition to the Cape Wind project. This project should not be undertaken in such an environmentally sensitive area as Nantucket Sound. The Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate in many areas, including air and boat navigation safety, impacts to birds and other wildlife, pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation, visual pollution and associated economic and tourism impacts, and the analysis of alternative sites.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Norberg

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***Pamela H. Mason  
Box 425  
58 Watch Hill Way  
Chatham, MA 02633***

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
696 Virginia Rd.  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to plea for further consideration of the raping of Nantucket Sound.

I am a 17<sup>th</sup> generation Chatham-ite ... and besides viewing it daily, I often am blessed with the opportunities to share this fragile area with my children and grandson.

I have also had the privilege of living part-time in California (Carmel) for 23 years. When I drive back and forth between the 2 coasts, I opt for I-10, which takes me to Southern California, thru AZ ... to TX, and so forth ... ON to FL., and up the east coast! On this southern route I always have the unpleasant hour, or so, of driving past THOUSANDS of WINDMILLS lining I-10 in southern California. These Windmills ARE SUPPOSEDLY California's answer to cheaper, more efficient electricity.

As I drive by these monstrosities, time after time, I note that only 1 in every 20-30 actually are TURNING/MOVING!!!! WHY???? I

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have asked!!! My answer from the locals has always been: "Well, most of them that aren't moving, are broken down and need repairs. Some of them that aren't moving are side-lined for emergencies."

My question(s) is/are these:

IF this is SUCH A GREAT SOURCE for energy, why aren't THEY (THE WINDMILLS) ALL working, (or at least 75%!!!)?

And WHY have our electric bills in Carmel, and probably the rest of the state, NEVER seen any reductions (to pre-windmill era)???

And WHY do we (Californians) sell electricity to Oregon (AND MAYBE OTHER BORDERING STATES), AND THEN, AS IN ABOUT 2000-1, WHEN California suddenly has an emergency power shortage, and we have to 'buy our electricity BACK from OR. we had to pay MORE than we had SOLD IT TO THEM FOR!!!???

How many of these IN-efficient monsters would we need in beautiful Nantucket Sound to provide our state of Massachusetts, and perhaps R.I. and CT, and N.Y. with this form of electricity?

Why not harness the tides?

Sincerely, 

Pamela Mason

05/16/2001  
10:00 AM  
Pamela Mason

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**Comment Sheet**  
**On Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**  
**For the proposal for an Offshore Wind Project**  
**In Nantucket Sound**

Name: Patricia Dineen

Address: 177 Sawmill Rd  
West Spfld, MA 01089

Phone Number (Please include area code): 413-734-6860

Email Address: PJAQUITH@aol.com

**Please state your questions/comments in the space below:**

The view! Nantucket Sound should be protected. I am in favor of wind farms, but not in our national treasures. Not at the expense of cape tourism revenue. The area is already depressed economically.

The silt! These structures could redistribute silt + sand, changing a naturally fragile area.

The wild life! Speaks for itself.

Navigation! There will be a change in water + wind patterns.

Stop It! Stop It! Stop It!

Please fold this questionnaire in half, affix two stickers or pieces of tape, and mail it to the address listed on the other side.

PAUL KWASNICK  
237 Dedham Street  
Newton, MA 02461-2117

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February 17, 2005

Colonel Thomas Koning  
U. S. Army Corps Of Engineers  
696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Sir:

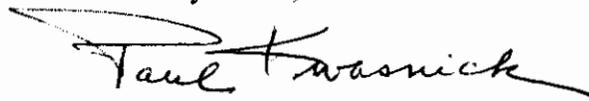
I own a home in Centerville, MA. And spend my summers visiting Craigville Beach.  
Please consider my comments and concerns regarding the Cape Wind project.

I believe that the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate and has not dealt with a number of areas including:

1. Air and boat navigation safety
2. Impacts to birds and other wild life
3. Pollution threats from oil on the transformer substation
4. Visual pollution which has the potential to seriously affect the economic stability of Cape Cod, seriously affect tourism and reduce the value of many homes.
5. Analysis of alternative sites.

Cape Wind should be required to do further study in each of the above areas. When the true costs of this project are actually considered, I am certain that it will be denied permission to proceed.

Sincerely Yours,



Paul Kwasnick

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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

To: Karen Kirk Adams, Army Corps of Engineers  
Re: DEIS, Cape Wind Project  
Date: February 15, 2005

Dear Ms. Adams:

We, the students of the Northeast, present these letters and postcards to you in order to indicate to the Army Corps of Engineers the large volume of student support that exists for the Cape Wind Project in Massachusetts and in the region. Hundreds of students have worked to write and gather letters in support of the Cape Wind Project and to thank you for the recently completed and very thorough Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Students all over the nation recently signed onto a "Declaration of Independence from Dirty Energy," calling upon our elected politicians to make a transition beyond dirty energy sources. With 27,000 signatures nationally, and over 3,000 in Massachusetts alone, it is easy to see how important clean energy and curbing the effects of climate change are to college students in the country and the state. The Cape Wind Project is a way for our concerns to be addressed by offsetting carbon dioxide that contributes to climate change, as well as offsetting other pollutants that dirty our air and lead to many respiratory ailments, an issue of public health issue as well as environmental justice. Environmental Justice is one area that could be discussed more in the Army Corps study. Many low-income, people of color communities suffer from exacerbated health problems due to the proximity of coal-burning and other dirty power plants to their neighborhoods. We can start to move away from such problems with the installation of a project like Cape Wind.

We send these letters today, February 15th, in recognition of the Kyoto Protocol going into effect tomorrow. It shows our previous commitment and hard work before Kyoto, and now it is time to really join in the global trend of addressing climate change. It is now up to the states to implement the spirit of the Protocol. Your study helps to prove that one of the best ways to curb greenhouse gas emissions and put a stop to the effects of climate change is by producing more Clean Energy!

It seems to us that your study shows that the wind project on Horseshoe Shoal would be a great asset to the communities on Cape Cod, with increased tourism, and no significant and lasting ill-effects on fishing and the ecology of the area, but rather a likelihood of positive effects. We can find no reason that this project should not go through, and hope that our comments are not taken lightly, as we represent the next generation of workers, tourists, consumers, community members, social justice advocates, and air-breathing citizens in this country who demand that a Clean Energy Revolution take place.

Thank you for your work on the study and the statement,

Students of the Northeast



Northeast Office  
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cecne@envirocitize.org

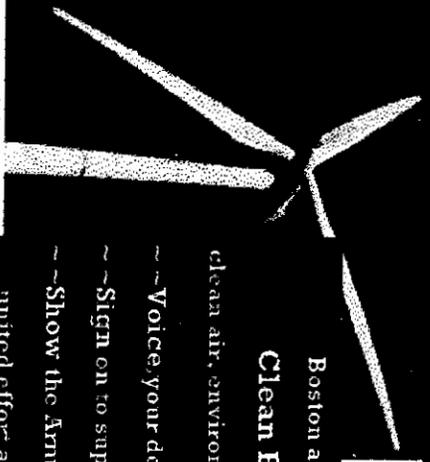
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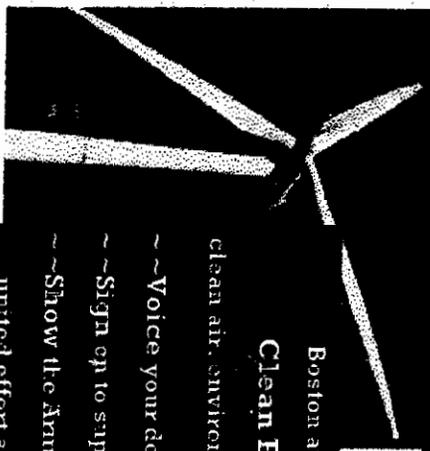


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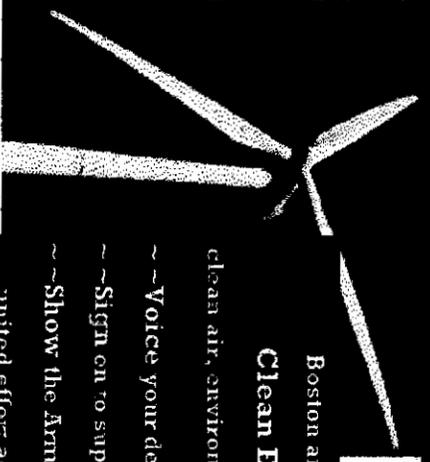


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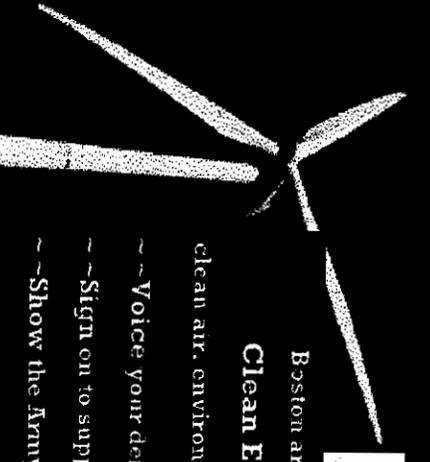


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February 11, 2005

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

I am in total support of the Cape Wind Project. Clean, renewable energy resources are the way of the future. Not only are current sources of energy limited in supply (considering the long term), but also the consumption of fossil fuels is a detriment to our earth and our own health. The principle arguments in opposition to the Project, obstruction of view, supposed negative implications on tourism, and a threat to bird life, are very weak relative to the certain, positive implications of a wind farm for the Cape Cod community (among the positive implications, *clean* energy, a more reliable energy source for the Cape, a progressive step in conservation). Further, consider new employment opportunities as well as a reduction in oil dependency, a benefit in numerous ways including a potential reduction in the trade deficit.

We, as Americans and people, need to take initiative to stop destruction and initiate preservation. Please construct the Nantucket Sound wind farm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irene Domenico".

Irene Domenico

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Bob Filbin. I am a student at Colgate University, located in Hamilton, NY. I spend a lot of time on Cape Cod with my grandfather, who lives in Cataumet. The Cape Wind project has been a source of interest to both of us for several years now as its fate will have significant impacts on the quality of our lives and those around us.

My grandfather and I both appreciate and gain much from experiencing Cape Cod's natural beauty. Sadly, the condition of Cape Cod's exceptional environment has been declining. The Cape Cod National Seashore is now one of the top ten worst-polluted National Parks in our country. Current energy facilities, such as the Cape Cod Canal plant, are doing nothing to alleviate this problem. Industry associated with the pollution that is filling our air is also dirtying our oceans, such as through the Cape Cod oil spill of 2003. The Cape Wind project, by providing a source of pollution-free energy and by reducing the need to transport oil near Cape Cod's shore, would help immensely in preserving Cape Cod's natural beauty.

Some of the complaints levied against the Cape Wind project include a potential high death rate for birds, negative economic impact, especially on tourism, and the creation of a visual blight on Nantucket Sound. Even if all three of these unfounded criticisms were true, their impact must be juxtaposed with the impact of the dirty energy facilities currently in place on Cape Cod. Certainly the negative influences for tourism and birds presented by some of the country's worst air are more severe than those that would stem from the Cape Wind project's offshore wind farm. Also, the visible impact of gigantic smoke stacks spewing pollutants into the sky is more offensive to me than some inaudible spinning blades.

The Cape Wind project is a necessary step toward putting America back on top as the world's most innovative industrial strength. Renewable energy can do for the U.S. economy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century what oil and coal did for it in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We must make progress, or America will face unprecedented environmental and economic hardships. The Cape Wind project is Cape Cod's chance to lead the way on a new path – one of sustainable and responsible development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Filbin  
Colgate University  
13 Oak Dr.  
Hamilton, NY 13346  
(508) 572-2098

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**William C. Bowling, Jr.**

107 Squantum Dr. • Warwick, Rhode Island • 02888  
Mobile: 401-261-6170 • Home: 401-463-6774  
Email: William\_Bowling@brown.edu

February 14, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

The approval of the Cape Wind project is essential in the quest for creating an energy independent America. I have watched the progress of this renewable energy project with excitement. I hope to see the fledgling wind energy market begin to flourish as the Army Corps of Engineers develops protocols for constructing these ecologically and socially responsible power generators in Massachusetts.

Southern New Englanders need more energy. As a citizen of Rhode Island, I have listened with fear as we consider solving this problem with the creation of a Liquefied Natural Gas Port at the head of Narragansett Bay in Providence. Once per week these tankers would virtually shut down the bay as the Coast Guard protects a 3,000 foot radius around the boats to guard against possible terrorist attack. Such safeguards, however, cannot ever make me feel secure. An attack or leak in one of these ships could lead to an explosion which has been predicted to be able to kill thousands.

Such fears would be absurdities when applied to the Cape Wind Farm. The benefits that such a step in the right direction would allow the citizens of Southern New England and the nation to see that there are safer ways of meeting the energy needs of our citizens. Rather than creating a terrifying and dangerous solution to our energy problems, we must follow a route of caution, a route that cannot be struck by terrorists nor lead to the deaths of innocent New Englanders.

The effects of our energy consumption must be equally placed upon all citizens. Over 50% of America's electricity is generated by coal. Such a figure is unacceptable when we Some citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are forced to bear the worst of Southern New England's poor energy plan. Brayton Point coal-fired energy plant pumps mercury, sulfur dioxide and carbon dioxide into the air each day. Each unhealthy reminders of the need for a better solution. The whole of Mt. Hope Bay is circulated through the energy plant in the course of a month making plant and animal life a near impossibility.

I see Cape Wind as a means to offset some of just this type of coal fired plant "technology." Let us stop filling the air with pollutants and begin harnessing it with turbines. Please help guide America's energy policy away from the Middle East and into Nantucket Sound. With Cape Wind, Massachusetts would once again become the city upon a hill that it was designed to be.

Sincerely,

William C. Bowling

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My name is Jonathan and I'm a student in Boston University's School of Management. ~~I~~ I support Cape Wind's proposal to build a wind farm of Cape Cod that would provide 25% of the power for the Cape & Islands. The most important factor in my decision to support this proposal is the health benefits that go along with building the wind farm. Most of my family has asthma, and also with the soaring rates of asthma cases in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it's imperative that we find a solution to reduce cases of asthma so that people can breathe the air of the Earth without ~~drugs~~ drugs. The wind farm would reduce cases of asthma in Massachusetts, and allow people to enjoy the air they breathe. Please support the Cape Wind project so that the air we breathe is cleaner.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Pasquale

To whom it may concern,

The Cape Wind project is a project that I fully support. Clean energy is a highly necessary commodity for our nation, and the benefits of wind power far outweigh the somewhat frivolous complaints of negative aestheticism. As a student at Boston University I would like to somehow see the benefits of this clean energy reach our campus - but it is enough to satisfy me that our country would take a step in the right direction. I look forward to hearing about the success of this project.

Sincerely,  
John Rowlands.

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1/27/05

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly encourage the creation of a wind farm by Cape Wind in Nantucket Sound. I Believe that the use of alternative energy on this scale could inspire an energy revolution in this country, freeing our economy and our foreign policy from the pressure of being dependent on oil. These issues by far outweigh any aesthetic concerns, as reducing our use of oil will benefit all Americans, rather than a select few.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,  
Denali Kerr

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my support for the Cape Wind Project for the following reasons:

- A) It will increase new life at the base of the wind mill  
- Perhaps new types of marine life will appear?  
e.g. Glow in the dark hermit crabs.
- B) It will reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions which seize global warming
- C) It will in fact help the fishing industry.
- D) I think they look pretty rad, and will help aesthetically.

Peace, Love & Harmony,

Michael Vuk

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To whom it may concern,

I am a supporter of the Cape wind project. I, as an environmentally aware student at Boston University, understand the positive potential results of the use of off wind power. This source of power is not only clean, but it is efficient in providing power. The pros of this project far outweigh the cons.

The ~~new force~~ ~~and~~ ~~implicit~~ ~~force~~ ~~upon~~ ~~the~~ ~~cons~~ are far too narrow-minded and short-sighted.

Sincerely,  
K. G.

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Dr. Elizabeth Hendrix  
5 Wilkins Place  
Roslindale, MA 02131

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

**To Whom It May Concern,**

I would like to express my support of the Cape Wind project in the strongest possible terms. I have read much of the DEIS and must conclude that the Army Corps of Engineers has done a superb and thorough job. You have my heartfelt gratitude and admiration. I am thrilled that the Corps' data, encompassing everything from bat flight patterns to possible submerged soil disturbances, demonstrate that the project will have only a minor negative effect on Nantucket Sound, if any.

On the other hand the potential positive impact is incalculable. Absent from the Impact Statement (I understand the negative effects were the primary focus of the report) were relevant comparisons between *potential* negative effects on the environment from Cape Wind and *real* negative effects on the environment (including human health) from carbon-fueled power plants producing equivalent amounts of electricity. There is no doubt that the cost to the ecological system as well as human health from carbon-fueled plants is grave.

Combined with real efforts towards energy conservation, wind power (as well as solar and other non-carbon-based energy sources) could mitigate some of the health costs we suffer due to our love affair with electricity. Cape Wind is a critical step in the right direction, and long overdue.

Another benefit from this sort of project is the decentralization of energy sources in this country. Rather than concentrating storage and distribution centers in a few locations in the country the way crude oil is handled, which foolishly leaves us open to major disruptions due either to human agency or natural disasters, locally-produced energy broadens the network, leaving us less vulnerable, giving smaller communities a stake in their energy planning, and forcing them to take responsibility for their energy production and consumption strategies. The only losers are the few big business concerns and their indebted politicians who profit from the control they have over carbon-based fuel.

Finally, a word about the visual impact of Cape Wind. The turbines are simply beautiful. I love vistas devoid of any human artifacts, but I also love sculpture when it's done well. And I love graceful architecture. It is not a given that the wind farm will detract from the beauty of Nantucket Sound; I will view it as an enhancement of the

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horizon (on days when it is visible at all!), on purely aesthetic grounds and also on symbolic grounds, for it will express our will to take responsibility for our needs in such a way as to partner with our environment rather than exploit it. The windmills of Holland and Greece bring admirers to those landscapes for similar reasons: the structures are charming visually as well as charming for the way of life they recall. I imagine tourists 300 years from now traveling to the Cape for the windmills even more than the dunes. And I will certainly make a point of visiting places from which I can enjoy the best views of these elegant structures: monuments to the goodness still to be found in our collective spirit.

Once again, the Army Corps' draft statement makes it clear that there will be virtually no negative environmental impacts to the Cape and Islands, and I can only imagine important and substantial positive impacts on the natural and the human environments should the project be carried through. It is high time.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Elizabeth Hendrix

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Gabriel Blue Cira  
3 Ames Street  
Cambridge, MA 02142

February 14th, 2005

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a resident of Cotuit my entire life, and I urge you to support the movement for clean power and the construction of the windfarms. At hearings and other events, it is painful for me to see the anti-windfarm advocates putting on such a 'show;' their propoganda is hard to swallow. I assure you, you should not worry for political reasons about supporting this cause. It was so obvious to me the divisions between the layer of wealthy funders of these smear-campaigns and the people who can look forward through them and see that our dependance on foreign oil is failing. We need all the help we can get, and as the most progressive state with perfect wind conditions, Massachusetts holds the unique ability to set the example. There are so many people in this state that care about the environment and the future, and will support you if you voice your opinion. I am a student at MIT, and I attended the hearing here. I decided to join a group of pro-windfarm Boston-area college students shortly after. I want the windfarm to succeed, and I beg you to see it through the eyes of the future generations. We hold the rights to the world of the future and are not eager to see it go to war and waste.

Thank you for your time,



Gabriel Blue Cira

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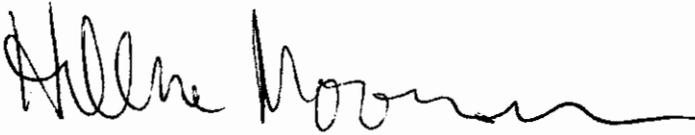
Helen Moorman  
3 Ames Street  
Cambridge, MA 02142

February 14th, 2005

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing in support of the proposed wind farm project in Cape Cod. The wind farm would supply 75% of the Cape's energy needs, reduce the yearly emission rates of sulfides and carbon dioxides by thousands of tons, and save \$60 million in oil costs each year. The looming danger of global warming and the soon-to-be depleted world oil reserves are reasons we NEED to make the transition to alternative energy sources. A project of this scale would not only reduce energy costs and pollution while providing over 1000 jobs in the Cape and Islands area, but it would be an important step in the right direction for the United States and the world. Wind energy is not only possible, but beneficial to both the people in the area and the environment, and the Cape Cod wind farm will set an example for other regions.

Sincerely,

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Helene Moorman

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Matea Marsic  
3 Ames Street  
Cambridge, MA 02142

February 14th, 2005

To Whom It May Concern,

The recent proposal to create a wind farm in Cape Cod has caught my attention. I am aware that you receive many of these letters, but I'd like to remind you of my stance on this crucial issue. As a resident of Massachusetts and a student at MIT, I feel very strongly about the type of pollution that is destroying the air I breathe. My friends and peers are the first to feel these effects, finding themselves prone to asthma and other lung problems. Current carbon dioxide emissions will create irreparable damage within the next ten years. The step to change begins today. Wind power prevents thousands of sulfides and one million tons of carbon dioxide from being emitted every year. This is no light matter. Our entire Earth is affected by carbon dioxide emissions- every forest, every animal, and every human. More incredibly, the project would decrease our dependence on foreign oil, at a rate of \$60 million dollars each year. Over 1000 jobs would be created for the people of Cape Cod. This project would add numerous benefits for the lifestyle and environment of those in Cape Cod. I wish to ask you, is there a better way is there to perserve the beauty and pleasure of such a incredible landmark? Wind power is the first step to appreciating rather than neglecting the beauty of the natural world. Please do your part in making this possible. Please advocate a wind farm for Cape Cod.

Thank you,

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Matea Marsic

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Massachusetts voter, and an informed MIT student, I would like to voice my support for the proposed wind farm off the southern coast of Cape Cod. I have been vacationing during the summers on Cape Cod for as long as I can remember, and I have frequented the beaches bordering Nantucket sound. There are some opponents to this wind farm who say that it would be a terrible eyesore and would ruin the seaside views of Massachusetts, but I feel that sacrificing a little of the aesthete for a more eco-friendly alternative to energy production is a worthwhile trade. I feel that obtaining energy in this manner would be beneficial to the sea, as well as to the land and its inhabitants, and if we want future generations to be able to sit and bask in the sunlight at the beach as we do today, changes need to be made now to the way in which energy is produced. Using wind power would reduce the amount of harmful greenhouse gases poured into the atmosphere, and would therefore preserve the ozone layer and air quality. Our world does not have to become a polluted wasteland with stifling temperatures too high for survival. The path the earth is taking towards this desolate future can be reversed, and Massachusetts can be one of the "good guys" and set an example of reliable clean energy. We can become more self reliant, producing our own local energy at low cost, and can move towards a better tomorrow.

Please make this wonderful plan a reality.

Sincerely,

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Alicia DeFrancesco

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Dugan Hayes  
3 Ames Street  
Cambridge, MA 02142

February 14th, 2005

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Cape Cod, I have always been completely shocked by the wind farm debate. It frightens me to think there is genuine opposition to such an environmentally responsible proposition. We have to consider as the Army Corps of Engineers asks what is in the public interest. Now, the continued support of oil companies certainly isn't in what I consider the "public interest". Everyone knows that our dependence on foreign oil has placed us in serious political jeopardy, but we musn't also forget that corporate giants such as Exxon/Mobile are some of the biggest violators of human rights in the world today. It's easy to sit on Cape Cod and complain about some wind turbines several miles off-shore while entire villages in Nigeria and Indonesia are forcefully and often violently displaced year-round for the construction of pipelines, but instead we could just as easily embrace alternative energy that is both environmentally and socially friendly. To those who ask wind farm supporters not to use soldiers in Iraq as a selling point, I would also like to remind them that our own corporations are responsible for killing those in third world countries whose only crimes have been to inhabit oil-rich regions under governments that are supported financially by the companies that we will continue to support until we diversify our energy sources.

But the people that surprise me the most are those who object to the wind farm because of its appearance. Not only will the sight of the turbines be negligible, but we have adapted to the sight of power lines and utility poles throughout our towns, which are far more intrusive. The sprawling estates that already decorate Nantucket Sound are, in my opinion, a far more offensive sight. Furthermore, if we continue to deplete our stores of energy without seeking an alternative, we will soon be forced to forfeit much larger natural resources by inflicting the irreparable damage of drilling. As a Cape Cod resident, I would be proud to say that my home is progressive in terms of alternative energy.

I've heard many people say, "I support wind energy, but wind energy done right." It seems impossible to have any objection to something as necessary as clean, renewable energy, and so I fail to see how a project that will have virtually no negative environmental impact is wrong. On the contrary, the significant reduction in the emission of greenhouse gases and sulfides into our atmosphere and mercury into our drinking water. It may seem like a small step toward the elimination of dependence on fossil fuels, but it's a step in the right direction. We have to start somewhere, and somewhere as unobtrusive as Nantucket Sound sounds like a great place me.

Sincerely,



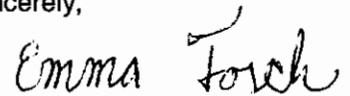
Dugan Hayes

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my support of the Cape Wind Project, because it is a critical step in the clean energy revolution. The current energy crisis surrounding "clean" versus "dirty" energy is not just an ideological, economical, or political issue. As a college student in Boston, originally from New Jersey, with asthma in a densely populated environment, clean energy is as important to me for its health benefits as it is for the above reasons. Knowing that the future of energy consumption is the future of my generation, and that it relies upon finding alternative sources, I feel that offering wind-produced energy now will offset future crises for myself, and my peers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Tosch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emma Tosch

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Esmeralda Stuk. I am a student at Boston University, and though this might make my residency here seem somewhat temporary, I consider myself a Bostonian and have come to call this city home. I attended the public hearing at MIT, but didn't get a chance to speak, despite the fact that I stayed until the end of the hearing. Regardless, I commend you on your efforts to allow everyone their chance to speak. I would like to express my strong support for the Cape Wind Project because of the contribution it will make to CO2 reductions.

In answer to many who are opposed to the project, I would like to address the impact of alternatives for other forms of electric power as related to loss of habitat and provide a perspective on birds. First and foremost, I think that the DEIS has done sufficient research into the harmful affect on wildlife of the project, and has found such effects negligible.

It is important to remember that global warming, a result of CO2 emissions, will have a significant effect on habitats around the world, especially coastal habitats. Unless the project imposed significant harm to local wildlife, the possibility of which I presume the DEIS would have discovered, the benefits of diverting global warming would outweigh any negative effects the project might have.

I would also like to express my dismay at hearing the DEIS finding of projected bird deaths used as an argument against Cape Wind. The summary reports that "Conservatively applying the highest fatality rate...up to 364 birds could be killed each year." (Summary, p. 6) To put this in perspective I would like to cite some annual projections of the number of birds killed in other ways:

Glass Windows: 100 million  
House Cats: 100 million  
Hunting: 100 million  
Trucks: 50 million  
Oil and Gas extraction: 1 million

I think these numbers make 364 pale in comparison, but then again, that's just my point of view.

I'd like to thank the Army Corps of Engineers once again for the opportunity to give my input into a decision that will affect my future.

Sincerely,



Esmeralda Stuk

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Quang Nguyen and I am currently a sophomore at Boston College. As an animal rights activist and an environmentalist, I have seen that for too long, people have been putting themselves and their pleasures at the cost of nature. Factor farming is a real example of our total disrespect for anything on this earth, except for our own well being. But, the time has come when we are beginning to realize that the health of this earth and our well-being are intricately bonded, and that the survival of one depends on the prosperity of the other.

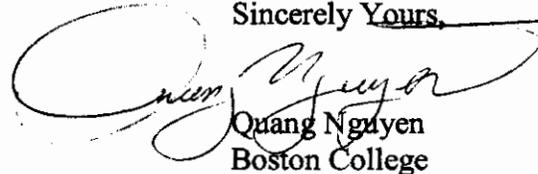
For too long pollution has plagued this earth since the advent of the first industrial revolution. Now, we are being to see the repercussions of our exploitation and carelessness. Do we need the rain that spew out from our polluted atmosphere to burn through our skin and eyes before we realized that pollution must be prevented, that our earth must be nourished, and that our environmental conscience must be awoken?

Ladies and gentlemen, you are given the golden opportunity to begin a green energy revolution with the Cape Wind Project. But what is stopping you from making the decision that everyone know is right?

On one hand, you have the benefit to our environment; on the other hand, you have the benefit of the political pressure and influence. I have said that for too long, mankind has disregarded the needs of our earth. Will you continue in this vein of apathy and environmental destruction? For a few friends in high places, are you really willing to further jeopardize the health of our planet, and consequently of ourselves?

You know, one of the slogans in Ecopledge, an environmental club at Boston College, is: "we keep the Earth in mind." Ladies and gentlemen, I sincerely hope that you do the same.

Sincerely Yours,



Quang Nguyen  
Boston College

February 11, 2005

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Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

When I heard about the Cape Winds Project, I was so excited. Being a resident of Los Angeles, I grew up seeing wind mills in the valleys and hills. I am so proud of a state that is committed to renewable energy. But I could never understand why other states were not following suit.

Now, Massachusetts has the amazing and historic chance to change that. And the United States of America has the opportunity to not only encourage renewable energy, but also send a message to the world that the USA is committed to sustainable development.

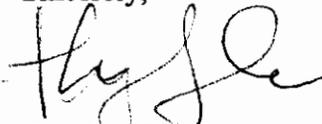
The benefits of the Cape Winds shuts down the opponents, who are concerned over the aesthetic harm of having the wind farm. Cape Winds will reduce air pollutants that will save 12 to 15 premature deaths every year, it will create over 150 permanent jobs, supply three-quarters of the power consumed on the Cape and Islands.

The pros far outweigh the cons. What are we waiting for?

I told my friends and family back home in California about Cape Winds and they are eagerly waiting to hear the good news that yes, we will indeed invest into clean, renewable, and sustainable energy.

Please do not let us down.

Sincerely,



HyunJoo Lee

Boston College c/o 2005

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Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Krista Hughes, I am a freshman at Boston College and am writing in support of the Cape Wind project. Constructing the wind farm in Nantucket sound will provide 75% of the Cape's energy and save 95 million gallons of oil a year, amounting to approximately 60 million dollars a year. Reducing dependence on foreign oil is an essential part of making the United States less vulnerable to the many unstable, oil rich nations that we are currently at the mercy of. The Cape Wind project is a perfect opportunity for the United States to begin to take steps away from reliance on these unstable countries.

Personally, one of the main reasons that I chose to come to school in Boston is because it is known as a progressive city. Cape Wind is a great opportunity to help the economy on the cape, create jobs, reduce health risks, and increase tourism. It would be a shame for Massachusetts to miss an opportunity to become the first state in America to have offshore wind power.

Sincerely,



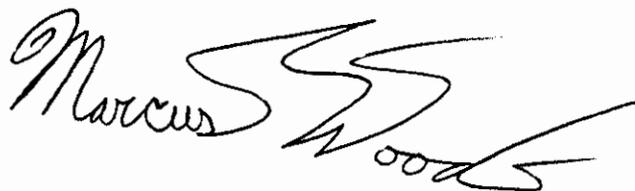
Krista Hughes

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Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

THESE are the crimes that men must try. The summer activist and the sunshine advocate will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their lungs; but he that wants to breathe, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Asthma, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the crazier the conflict, the more doubtful the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as CLEAN AIR should not be highly rated. Sentimentalism, with the money to enforce asphyxia, has declared that it has a right (not only to CHOKE) but to "GAG us in ALL CASES WHATSOEVER," and if being bound in that manner, is not thievery, then is there not such a thing as thievery upon earth. Even the expression is impious; for so unlimited a power can belong only to God.

Sincerely,  
Marcus Woods  
Boston College 2007

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My apologies to Thomas Paine

February 13, 2005

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Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

It is with great pleasure that I give my full support to the Cape Wind Project for several reasons.

First of all, I am a second year Master's student at Boston College and am originally from Chicago, Illinois. The Midwest needs more renewable energy projects but at this point lacks the awareness and infrastructure that is apparent in Massachusetts. One of the reasons that I love being in Boston is that the people who reside here care more about environmental stewardship. The Cape Wind Project would enhance people's commitments of caring for the environment and would further allow this region to become a leader in transitioning to non-polluting energy sources.

Many of the additional reasons that I support the Cape Wind Project are based on the data that were presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The overwhelming evidence is in favor of this project (health risks reduced, increased jobs, no major negative effects on boating, fishing, or wild life, etc.) and outweighs the needs for a "clear view" from the islands. I have seen videos of the offshore wind farm in Denmark and it does NOT ruin anyone's view. Instead people will visit the areas to specifically see these structures. The windmills are aesthetically pleasing and give people peace of mind knowing that there is a viable alternative to using coal, oil, and nuclear power.

Finally, and most importantly, I support the construction of this project because time is running out. Looking at the larger scheme of things, it is estimated that since the Industrial Revolution, humans have used nearly half of all the coal, oil, and natural gas on the planet. These types of energy sources are being depleted at a very fast rate and will not be replaced for thousands of years! It is imperative that we take steps now to rely less on limited energy sources and more on renewable energy sources to avoid a major energy crisis in the near future. This project would help us to rely less on fossil fuels and ensure that our country can continue to function well into the future.

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As our nation's energy usage increases, there is a growing need for more power plants. Given the choice between a power plant that releases toxic waste into our atmosphere, which contributes to global warming and increase health hazards, and a beautiful offshore wind farm that creates no pollution, I support renewable energy and the Cape Wind Project.

Please follow through and permit this wonderful, innovative, much needed project to materialize!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Mikulski

To whomever it may concern:

The Cape Wind Project is a necessary step in preventing the destruction of our air and in promoting the preservation of our earth. I, Jessica Blair Young, as a member of Boston College and a concerned citizen of this Earth, support the Cape Wind Project for the following reasons:

1. As our nation's energy usage increases, there is a growing need for more power plants. Given the choice between a power plant that releases toxic waste into our atmosphere, which contributes to global warming and increase health hazards, and a green power that is renewable and clean, I support renewable energy. The proposed wind farm consisting of 130 turbines is projected to deliver 170 megawatts of average power and approximately 420 megawatts of peak power, which will supply three-quarters of the power consumed on the Cape and Islands. For every year of operation, 2,400 tons of sulfur oxides, 800 tons of nitrogen oxides, and an astounding 1,000,000 tons of carbon dioxide pollutants will be eliminated.
2. A large amount of pollution created from power plants collects within impoverished regions of Massachusetts. People of color and residents of lower income neighborhoods are exposed to higher levels of power plant byproducts, such as mercury and lead. By supporting clean, renewable energy, not only are you decreasing the amount of pollution, but are also lowering the amount of air bourn pollutants that plague these neighborhoods. The Cape Wind Project relieves critical social imbalances. The reduction of negative health effects in monetary value using the EPA valuation of a premature death and associated health care cost data from the Harvard report amount to savings of approximately \$53 million dollars every year.
3. It is estimated that since the Industrial Revolution humans have used nearly half of all the coal, oil, and natural gas on the planet. These types of energy sources are being

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depleted at a very fast rate and will not be replaced for thousands of years. It is imperative that we take steps now to rely less on limited energy sources and more on renewable energy sources to avoid a major energy crisis in the near future. This project would help us to rely less on fossil fuels. The amount of displaced energy, as if produced from oil-fueled generators, will eliminate the import of approximately 95 million gallons (2.25 million barrels) of heavy #6 fuel oil every year. That equivalent oil cost would reduce the balance of payments from the United States by approximately 60 million dollars every year.

I am currently taking an environmental law class here at Boston College and have just recently learned about public trust doctrine; it may not specifically adhere to the case at hand but I still find it very relevant. It is in the public trust to provide good, clean, renewable energy for an area that needs it so greatly. And sacrifices must be made for the prosperity of future generations and on the behalf of those who suffer from the current pollution caused by existing plants in the poorer, less fortunate communities in the Cape. A smart man, David Brower, once said "We do not inherit the earth from our fathers. We borrow it from our children." Do we want to punish our children for the mistakes we make now? I think not. Renewable energy is bound to happen, the earth's resources will not last forever. It is the time now to set the example, and to enact a better policy, a better program to provide for a cleaner, healthier environment for the future. Our earth is our home, there is nowhere else, and it is vanishing before our eyes; we have to save it.

Sincerely,

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Jessica B. Young

Boston College Community

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February 12, 2004

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

As a concerned citizen of this earth, and a member of the Boston College community, I feel that the Cape Wind Project is a necessary step in preventing the destruction of our air and in promoting the preservation of our earth. I, Taryn Gervais, am in support of the Cape Wind Project for the following reasons:

- The Nantucket Sound wind farm will provide  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the power utilized by Cape Cod and Islands. Comprised of 130 turbines, this wind farm will supply 170 megawatts of power, on average, with about 420 megawatts of peak power.
- More than 150 permanent jobs will be created by the proposed wind farm project.
- The use of "clean" energy provided by the wind farm will significantly reduce air pollution and will benefit the health of our fellow citizens.
- The United States will spend approximately \$60 million *less* each year than it currently does on equivalent oil costs.

I urge you to join the supporters of this wonderful cause in the fight to provide a means of using clean energy in the Cape area. The benefits are undeniable and significant.

Sincerely,



Taryn Gervais

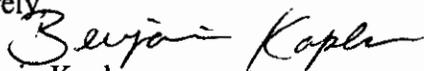
Boston College

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To whom it is concerned,

I personally feel that the proposed Wind Farm on Nantucket Sound deserves your support. The environmental and societal benefits this project are limitless and a project of this nature will set the ball in motion for a revolution in electrical energy. The massive benefits of clean energy are further augmented by the eradication of the negative externalities of fossil fuel generators. Personally visiting Nantucket nearly every summer, I feel that this project will in no way harm the aesthetic appeal of beautiful Nantucket Island. With global warming, general pollution and fossil fuel depletion on the rise, a project such as this deserves all the support it can get for the social benefit it will confer upon future generations and the precedent that it will set. I truly hope you take this letter into consideration.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Kaplan  
Boston College 2007

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February 8, 2004

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

I am writing in support of the Cape Cod Wind Energy project. The various benefits to the public are more than enough reason to build it.

The project will have little effects on fishing, boating, and tourism in the area. The wind mills are spaced more than a quarter mile apart, with easily enough room for boats and the such to get around.

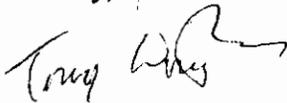
The production of the wind miles will reduce the power outage problems in the surrounding area. Many of the cities experience power problems weekly due to the high demands of the public. With a set of windmills, there power outage problems will be reduced.

The production of the windmills will also reduce the dependency on coal and gas power. This is a changing world; coal and gas are dirty sources energy sources of the past. These wind mills will be the first step in energy reform. A reduction in pollutants will benefit both the environment and the health of the public.

Not only would it reduced pollutants, the windmill projects will produce more than 150 jobs for the people. These maintenance and operation jobs in the nearby areas will provide an average salary of over \$50K a year.

With the various benefits of a wind mill energy source, it seems almost absurd that it has yet to be implemented. As a concerned citizen, I urge the Army Corps of Engineers to build the windmills.

Sincerely,



Tony Wong  
Concerned Boston College Student, Class of 2004

February 9, 2005

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Dear Karen Kirk-Adams,

This letter is a symbol of my support for the Cape Wind project and the implementation of clean energy through the use of wind turbines. The need and demand for clean energy has been growing, and even here at Brandeis University we have the combined effort of the student body ~~pressing the~~ advocating for the use of clean energy on campus. With the ongoing process of global climate change, it is now imperative that we begin to ~~use~~ use an alternative source of energy. In addition, the Cape Wind project will help New England achieve energy independence, no longer having to rely on the foreign oil industry. Besides benefitting the environment and the economy, this project will also improve public health, reducing the ~~rate~~ occurrence of asthma attacks. The Cape Wind project will also benefit the surrounding community by providing quality jobs, ~~and~~ as well as an affordable source of energy. Improving the quality of the air and achieving environmental justice, this program is a necessity! Clean energy is needed and I hope the Cape Wind project can help satisfy this need.

Sincerely,

Rachel Beller

Brandeis University - Students for Environmental Action

MB 3071

P.O. Box 549239

Waltham, MA 02454

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Dear Karen Kirk-Adams,

I'm writing you to express my support for the Cape Wind Project. I'm presently a Brandeis senior and have been involved in clean energy-organizing at the campus and community-level for the past couple of years. We have worked hard to change the mentality at our university by conducting extensive education around energy consumption and reduction. Unfortunately, even as we reduce our energy needs, the reality is that the overall demand is increasing. Cape Wind offers an important alternative to coal burning power plants by standing to reduce asthma rates, and reducing the immediate health impact fossil fuel plants have on their host communities which tend to be predominantly low-income and people of color. In the interest of environmental justice and energy independence, I thank the Army Corps for its thorough research of the Cape Wind Project!

Sincerely,

Jiriday Fauswitz

415 South Street  
Waltham, MA  
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(206) 245-4144  
(781) 529-3652

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February 9, 2005  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Dear Karen Kirk-Adams,

I'm writing to inform you that the research done by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the Cape Wind Energy EIS Project is an important and necessary step in achieving a healthier environment. The Cape Wind Project is the most feasible way to bring cleaner energy to portions of Massachusetts and will create quality jobs and reduce health problems caused by environmental problems. In the long run, projects like this are necessary to stabilize global climate change; starting at a local level on Cape Cod will set an important precedent for others to follow your lead and implement their own sources of clean energy. I urge you to continue with this work to construct the wind turbines on the Cape.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Robinson

Elizabeth Robinson  
Brandeis University  
MB 1925 415 So. St.  
Waltham, MA

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Dear Karen Kirk-Adams, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

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I'm writing in support of the Cape Wind project. We need more power in this state, and Cape Wind is by far the best option. On the environmental side, it will help to reduce asthma attacks and slow global warming. In the long run, it will actually be good for birds (despite seeming dangerous) because of the improvement in air quality. On the social side, it will create quality, meaningful jobs, and perhaps start a trend away from disproportionately placing power plants in communities of color.

Also, of course, energy independence is becoming ever more important, and this could be one of the first positive steps.

Sincerely,

Daniel Muenz

*Daniel Muenz*

MB #2155 Brandeis University  
415 South St.

Waltham, MA 02454

February 9, 2005

Karen Kirk-Adams  
Army Corps of Engineers

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I'm writing in support the Cape Wind clean energy project. As a college student I am especially concerned about the future of our planet's environment. If we continue to output the amount of pollutants that are presently produced, we will most certainly destroy our most beautiful land and possibly make a once amazing world uninhabitable.

This project presents a wonderful opportunity to change this trend. While this system may not be ideal in the eyes of all, ~~yet~~ the advantages of this ~~the~~ wind farm highly outweigh any challenges. I am in full support of this plan with my money, my vote, and my heart.

Thank you for your effort in improving our environment.

Sincerely,

Sean C. Lewis-Faupel

Sean Lewis-Faupel  
Brandeis Students for Environmental Action  
415 South St., Nathan, MA 02454

February 9, 2005

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Dear Karen Kirk-Adams  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

I want to thank you for your consideration of the Cape Wind Energy project.

I know that there are many who oppose this project. I understand the plight of Cape residents who don't want development in their natural space.

I too hate any destruction of natural beauty. However, it is a plight well worth bearing if the country wants to keep using the levels of energy we use. Clean Energy is an amazing solution to a national problem. I support this project and hope that you will as well. It is well thought out, an efficient and high-yield location, and less of a burden to society than a coal burning plant. My family has traveled to see wind farms - I think it won't decrease the tourism to the Cape. Thank you again for your initial support of the Cape Wind project!

Sincerely,

Emily J. Silver  
Emily J. Silver  
Brandeis University Class of '0

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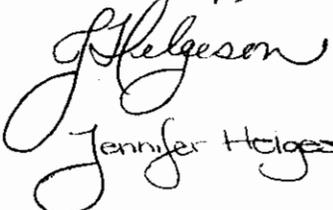
Dear Karen Kirk-Adams,  
Army Corps of Engineers,

I want to thank you for your thorough research on the Cape Wind project, which shows that wind turbines would have little or no negative impact on the surrounding ecosystem, economy, & communities on Cape Cod. The demand & need for such projects are growing. Cape Wind will provide the extra energy required by Massachusetts without increasing pollution (from coal-burning plants). I think that tourism may also be increased.

I believe that this project is extremely well planned, efficient, & offers a good solution to a national problem.

Thank you for your work on this initiative & I hope you will continue to support such work.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer Heigeson

Brandeis University  
415 South Street  
Waltham, MA 02454

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Dear Karen Kirk-Adams, US. Army Corps. of Engineers,

I am writing to you in support of the Cape Wind project. The construction of a wind farm instead of another coal-burning power plant is a very environmentally informed idea. As a proponent of clean energy, I hope that the wind farm will be built. The windfarm will provide quality jobs, reduce asthma attacks, meet energy needs, and help fight climate change. It will also ensure that another power plant will not be built in an underprivileged community or a community of color. Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will take the arguments into consideration and realize that the arguments against the building of a windfarm hold very little weight. Contrary to the beliefs of opponents, the windfarm will not destroy the views of citizens living on Cape Cod, nor will it decrease tourism or interfere with the ocean's ecosystem. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

*Helama Skop*

Helama Skop

415 South St.

Waltham, MA 02454

Feb 9, 2005

Dear Karen Kirk-Adams,  
(U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)

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I am writing you this letter to tell you how important it is to implement the cape wind project. Having clean wind energy would greatly improve the quality of air in MA as well as helping to fight the effects of global warming around the world. This is a very important issue you to me and I would appreciate your support to help end the use of dirty energy. The effects of climate change are not in the pages of science fiction novels, they are showing their effects right now! We need to act now to make the world a cleaner place. This project would also be a good way to start the U.S. towards energy independence. This issue is important to me because it affects mine and my community's health and quality of life. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Melinda Grodsky

Melinda Grodsky  
415 South St. MB 1962  
Waltham, MA 02454

Dear Karen Kirk-Adams, US Army Corps of Engineers, 364/B

As a student at Brandeis University, a Boston area school, and a person who is actively interested in the Environment, I feel that the proposed Cape Wind Project is very important to implement. Massachusetts needs more energy, and as the human influence increases across the globe, it is important to consider the effects we have on the Environment. Cape Wind is an Environmentally friendly project, that has many benefits. It will create jobs, and reduce asthma attacks. The need and demand for clean energy is growing, and this is a wonderful way to produce it. Wind turbines kill less than 1 bird a day - less than windows do, and the view of the residents will not be greatly obstructed. This project will also create more energy independence for the United States.

Thank You,

Caitlin Holder

Caitlin Holden

Brandeis University

415 South Street

Waltham, MA 02454

To: Karen Kirk Adams  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
New England District

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From: Ariella Morrow  
Students for Environmental Action  
Brandeis University

February 9, 2009

Re: Cape Wind Energy EIS Project

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Dear Ms. Adams,

I would like to thank the US Army Corps of Engineers for its favorable, well-balanced evaluation of the Cape Wind Energy Project Proposal.

I am very much in favor of the Cape Wind Project for many reasons. It has been the most viable proposition addressing the energy needs of this area with minimal environmental impact. I grew up in Palm Springs, California, where we had very large wind farms nestled in the mountains. I was always very proud to know that a portion of the energy we used came from renewable sources.

The need for clean energy continues to grow. The U.S. must reduce its dependence on non-renewable, quickly disappearing resources like coal and foreign oil as well. Additionally, the demand for clean energy is growing especially in Massachusetts. Institutions like Brandeis University are committing to greater clean energy purchasing.

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Massachusetts not only needs the additional energy to be provided by the Cape Wind Energy Project, we also need the quality jobs the Project would create.

We have a social and environmental responsibility not to build more polluting powerplants. Power plants cause health problems and damage the environment locally and globally. Power plants, which emit pollutants that directly affect the local environment, are disproportionately located in underprivileged communities. Other pollutants from consuming non-renewable energy resources affect the global environment and are causing climate change.

The benefits of the Cape Wind Energy Project are obvious -- environmentally, socially and economically -- and far outweigh any potential drawbacks.

I, as part of Students for Environmental Action at Brandeis University, encourage the full and complete approval of the Cape Wind Energy Project Proposal and eagerly look forward to its implementation.

Sincerely,

Ariella Morrow

Mail Box 1953

Brandeis University

415 South Street

Waltham MA 02454

ariella3@brandeis.edu

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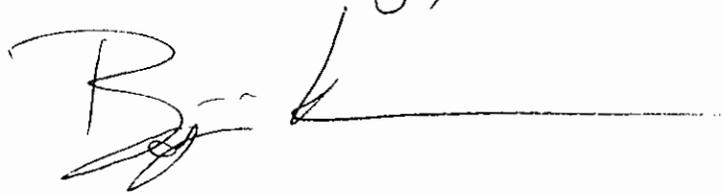
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Dear Karen Kirk-Adams

I believe wind energy to be an economically feasible and environmentally sound alternative to so called "dirty" energy. I applaud your efforts in trying<sup>to</sup> bring this form of energy to Cape Cod.

I believe this project will be a key step towards a large-scale adaptation to clean energy for our nation, and that this will ~~not~~ positively impact not only the environment, but ~~not~~ also overall health and ~~not~~ how our nation is perceived in the world. Thank you for your efforts and your dedication.

Sincerely,



Brandeis Students for Environmental Act  
415 South Street, Waltham, MA

02454

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February 15, 2005

Dear Karen Kirk-Adams:

I am a citizen of Massachusetts and am concerned about the Cape Wind Project that is going on in the Cape Cod area. This area of the coast in my opinion is one of the most beautiful place to vacation and to spend time relaxing in.

The water quality and air quality of Massachusetts has gone down these past years and this is beginning to affect the beauty of the land and the ability of people to have a thriving area in which to live and enjoy their lives. The affects of the project will not be detrimental to the ecology of the cape and thus will help to preserve this area for future generations. The project also creates more jobs and a decent tourism attraction which in the long run will help the businesses of the cape grow more robust and create a better area in which to live in or retire to.

As a citizen of Massachusetts, I have grown up eating the different kinds of fish that are brought in through trolling and other forms of fishing along the cape. These fish are an important part of my diet and I would like to continue eating these fish. The production of electricity by the wind farm will help to save the fish from being poisoned with different chemicals that are by-products, which are produced in the production of the electricity by fossil fuels.

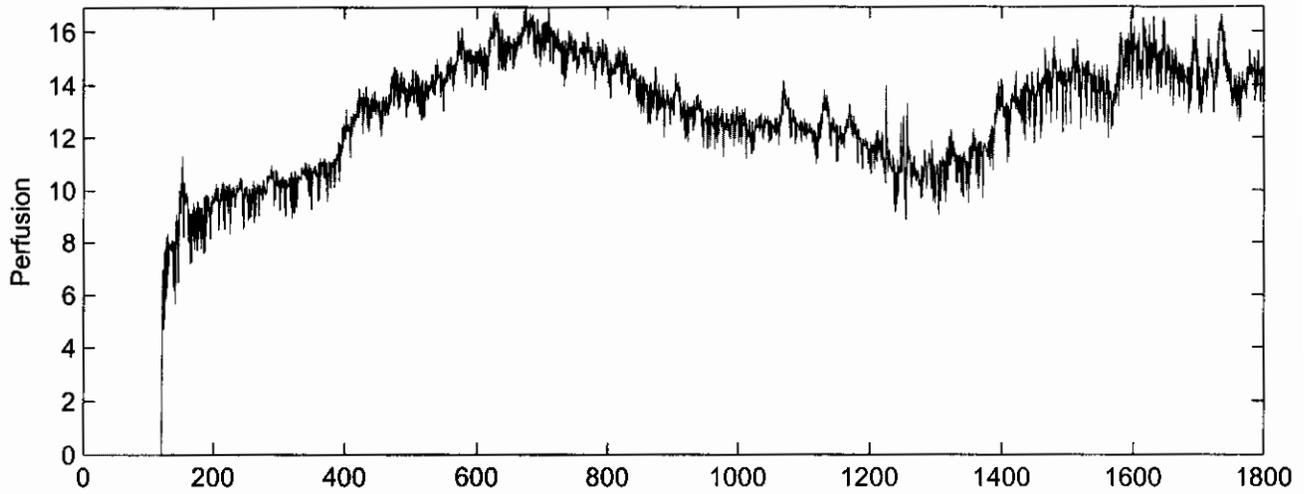
The best reason for wanting the cape wind project to go through is that it will create a renewable energy resource which our country really needs in the coming years. With this in mind I would like to help in what ever way I can in helping this project go through with out a hitch.

Sincerely,

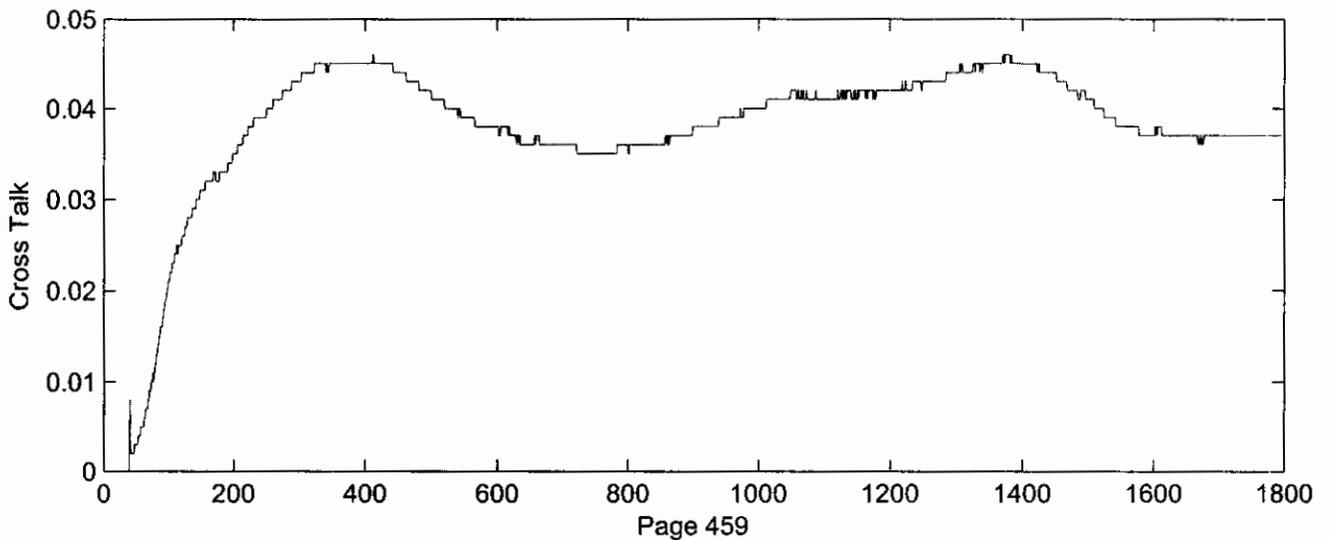
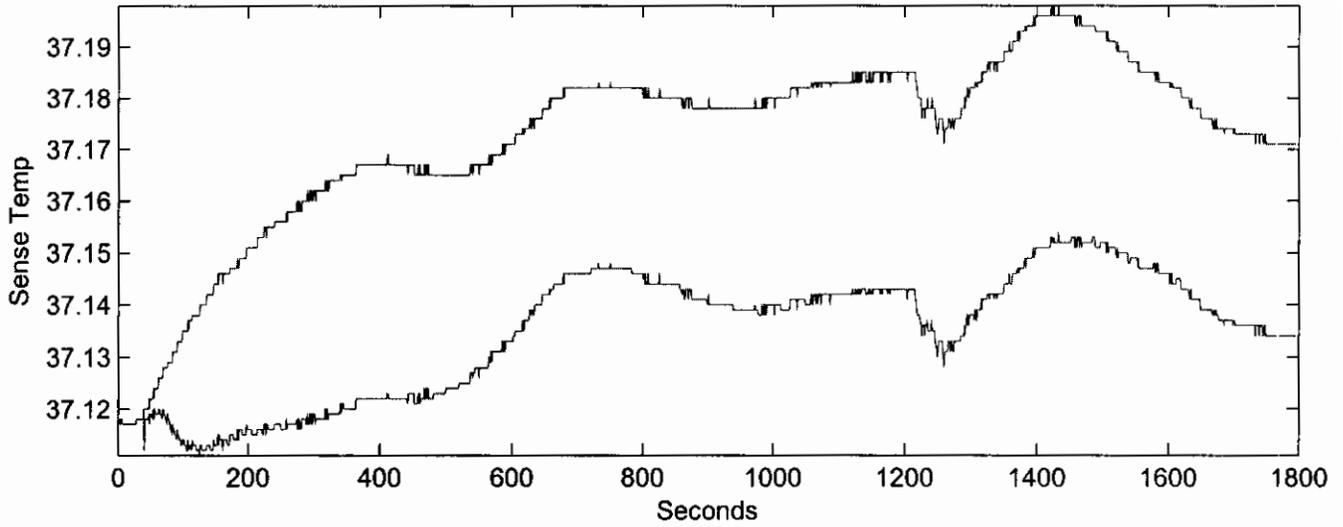
Colin Ferguson

Civil and Environmental Engineering Student

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a sophomore engineering major at Northeastern University. Throughout middle and high school, I participated in the INTEL International Science Fair program. Three of the four years I participated in science fair, my projects were focused around renewable energy sources. From my youth, the one thing my father stressed was the need for engineers to go into alternative renewable energy research. Every time I have ever asked him what he would do if he won the lottery or come into a large amount of money, he has always had the same answer, "I would invest it in alternative energy research." He has taught me that the future is not in coal and oil, but in renewable energy sources.

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we had a major project, in which we were given a few months to complete a research project and raise community awareness about alternative energy. As part of my community awareness portion of the project, I wrote a letter to the editor of The Orlando Sentinel, and it was published in the paper. I have done the research, and I know the consequences of not using renewable energy.

The Cape Wind Project will provide us with so many benefits. With a renewable source of energy, we will reduce the amount of money we spend on energy every month. The Project will reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses released into the air from the burning of coal and oil. It will offset one million tons of carbon dioxide every year. Many residents of the Cape area claim that the presence of the wind farm in the Cape will be an "eyesore," but that is all in the eye of the beholder. Many would disagree; many would see it as a symbol of hope. Hope for a cleaner and brighter future. Personally, I think that windmills are beautiful and mesmerizing. Some people can sit in front of a fire and stare at it for a great amount of time; I could stare at a windmill for a great amount of time. Windmills are pieces of art.

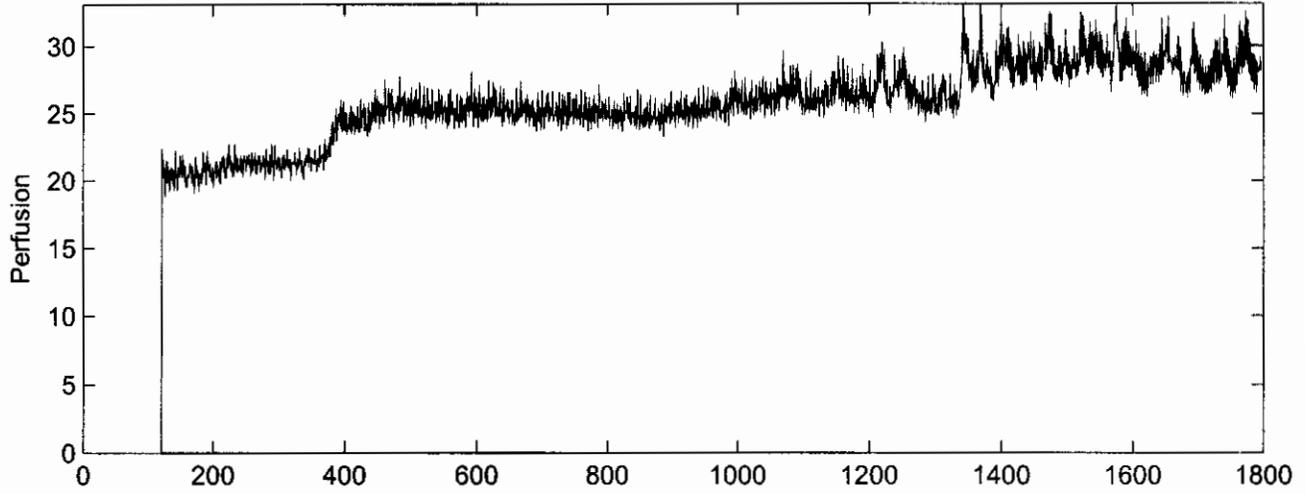
Not only are there environmental impacts from using coal and oil, but also we must start using alternative energy sources because we must start the cross over before it is too late. At the current rate we are consuming fossil fuels, we are going to run out in less than 50 years. If we do not start doing something now to slow our consumption of fossil fuels, we risk facing a future of uncertainty, where energy will not be something we take for granted, but rather, a precious commodity.

Sincerely

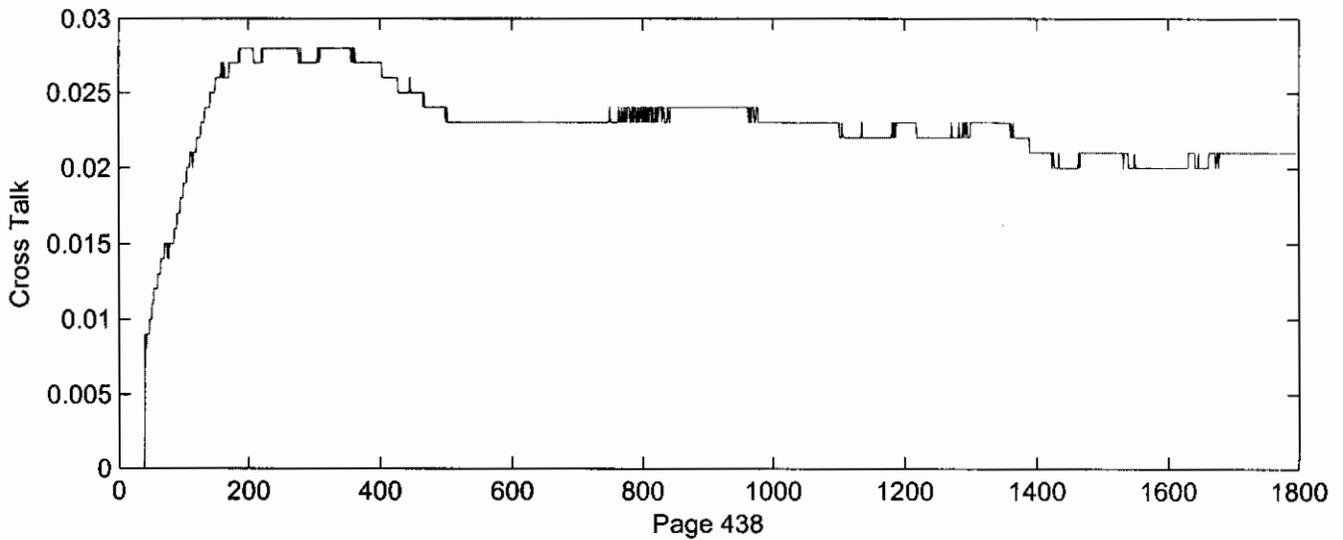
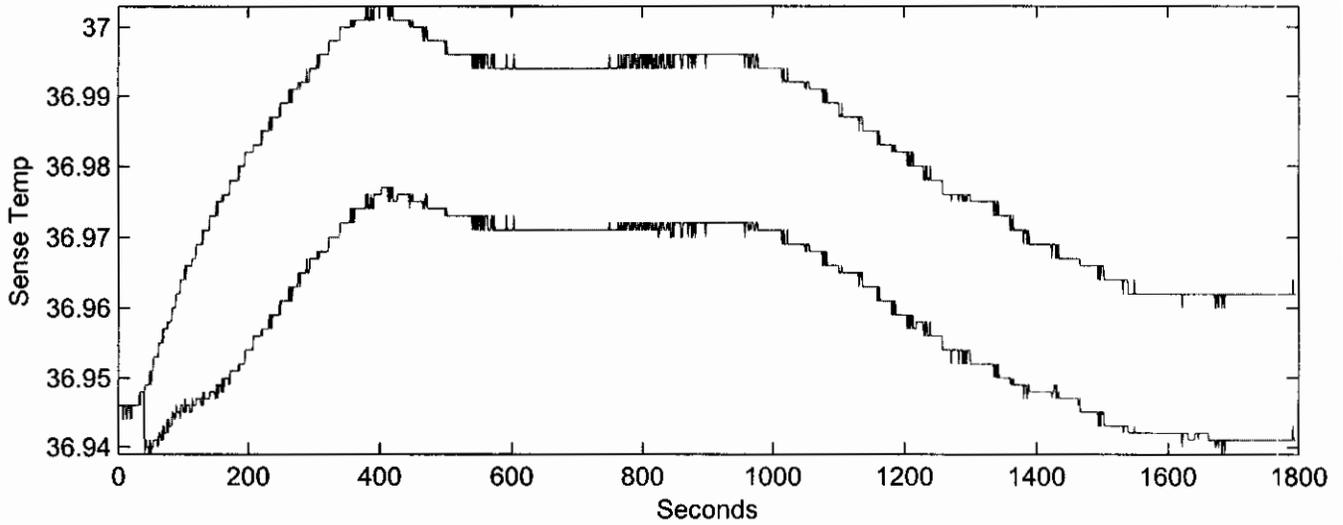
Carolyn Andrews, 20

Sophomore Electrical Engineering Major, Northeastern University

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To Whom This May Concern,

As a young adult residing in Massachusetts I feel it is my duty to write to you to express my concern over the deteriorating air quality in the state. As you may be aware of, the Army Corp Of Engineers recently released a Draft Environmental Impact Study concerning the Cape Wind Project. Cape Wind is proposing the creating of 130 offshore wind turbines, which would in turn; create approximately 170 mega-watts of power! That's the equivalent of 1% of the overall electricity used by the entire state. In addition to providing clean and low cost energy for years to come, Cape Wind will create short and long term Jobs in and around the Cape Cod area. This the Army concluded in a 4000 page draft, stating that the benefits of Cape Wind vastly exceed the costs.

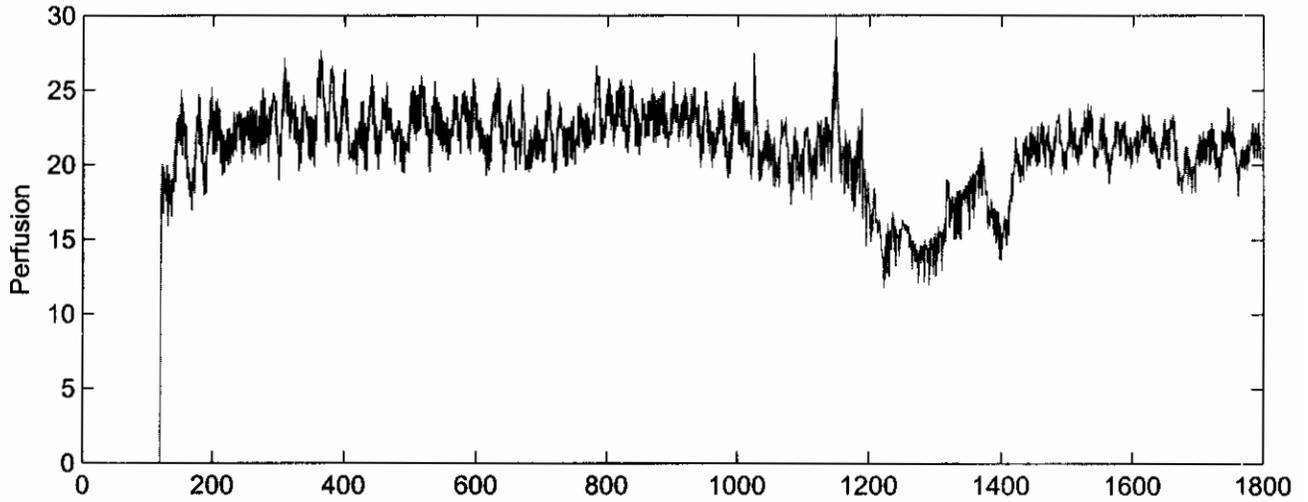
Reduction of harmful pollution that is created as a result of coal burning, and other types of energy production is a must for the age we live in today. Everywhere you turn pollutants are having a negative effect on our way of life. Asthma now afflicts about 15 million people in the United States, a 75% increase since 1980, at a cost to the taxpayers of about \$12.7 billion each year. Air pollution is another fast growing problem in virtually all major cities. Here in Boston, according to the Natural Resources Defense Council, the air quality is over 400 times the level the Environmental Protection Agency classifies as safe. Something must be done to roll back the devastating effect pollution is having on our planet and on ourselves.

Fossil fuels have been around for a long time, and will continue to be here for a long time to come. However they cannot support our way of life forever, eventually oil wells will dry up, and coalmines will run out of coal. Nuclear power has come into wide use around the world, but the radioactive waste created by these reactors is not something that can just be hidden inside a mountain and forgotten about. The United States has generated over 47,000 metric tons of highly radioactive waste since they started using uranium for weapons and energy. Clearly this is not the solution to our energy needs.

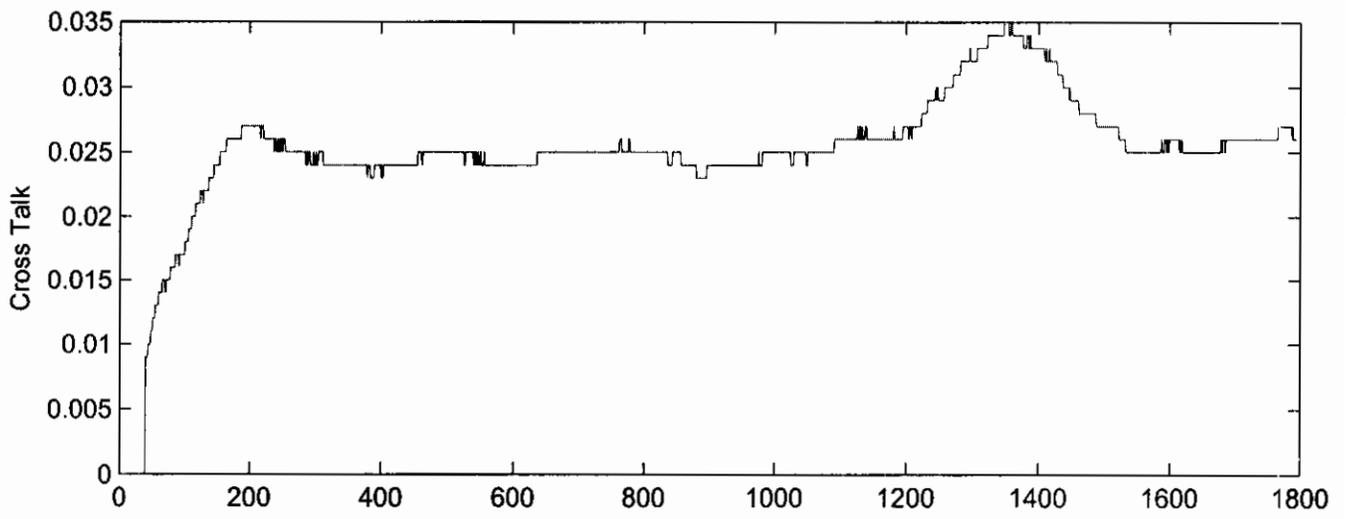
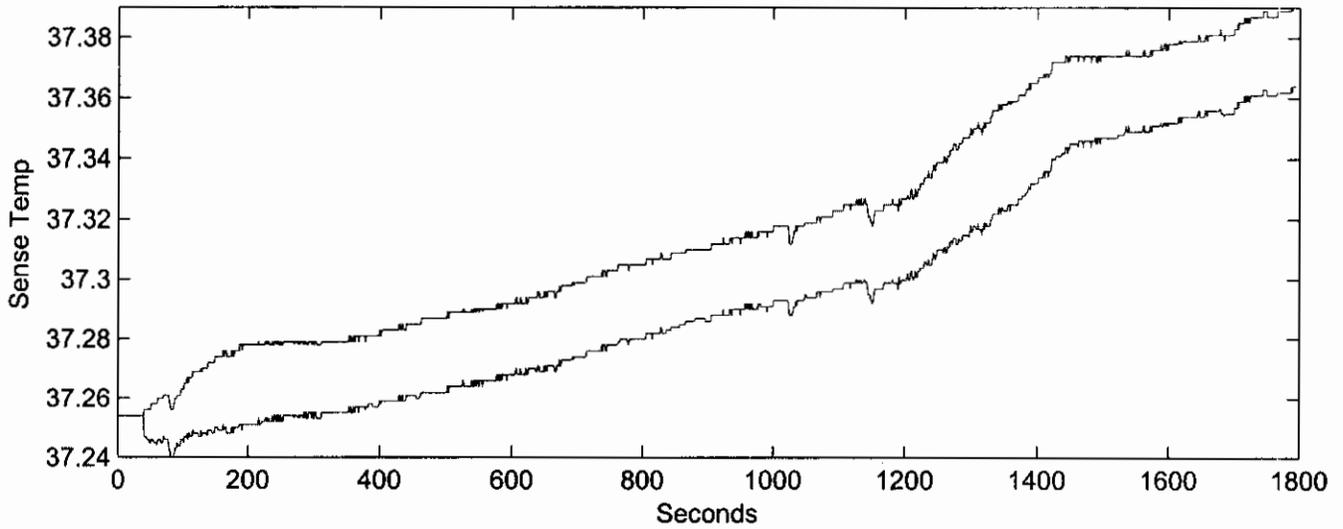
What is needed is the construction of environmentally friendly energy sources. Solar panels, hydroelectric dams, and wind turbines. All of these provide considerable electrical energy with little to no impact on the environment. Moreover once constructed they are virtually free. They have no need for vast quantities of polluting or radioactive fuel. Cape Wind is one of many first steps that we must take in reducing our dependence on oil, coal and uranium, and in reducing the pollution that the United States emits into the atmosphere.

The United States is the single largest polluting country in the world, with about 25% of all carbon dioxide emissions. If this trend continues it is estimated that temperatures could increase by 6-10 degrees in the coming century. The United States began polluting our great planet during the Industrial Revolution in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Unknown were the effects of pollution on the environment. But now, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the effects of carbon dioxide and other pollutants are well known. It is up to us, as residents of the State, the Country, and the World, to bring a new revolution, on for the environment. It's

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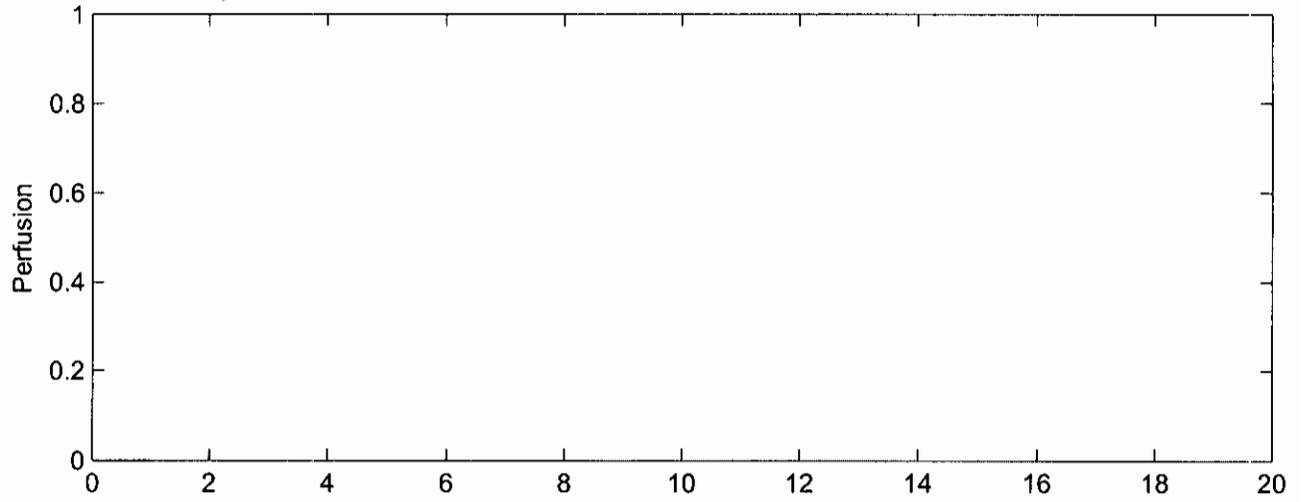


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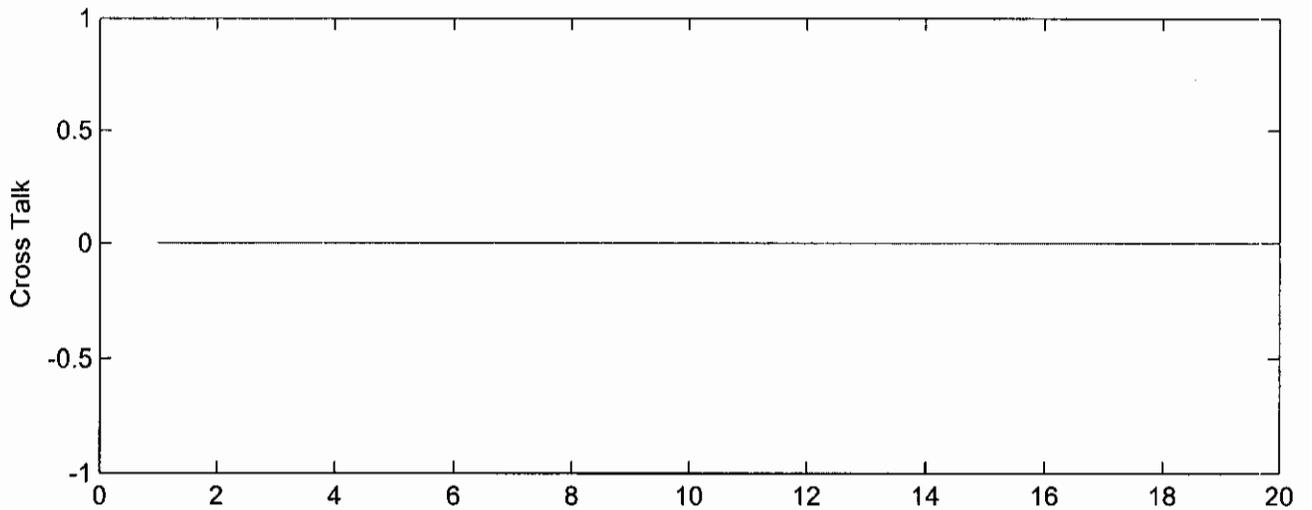
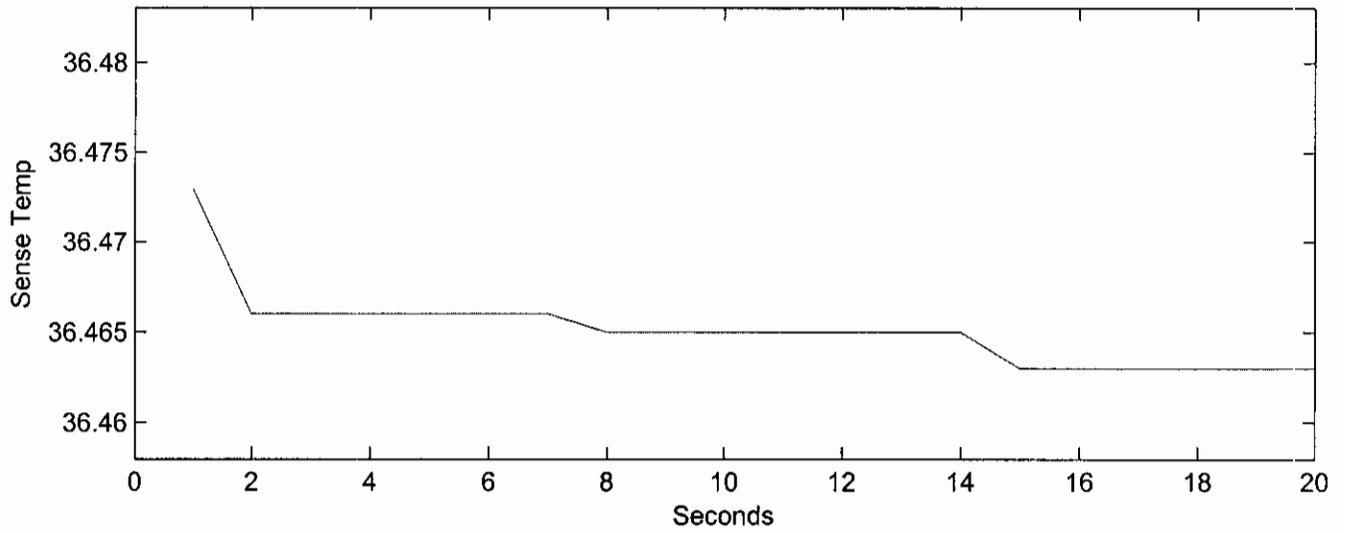
up to you as the voice of the people, to make our voices heard, and, as our representatives in government, I ask you to support the Cape Wind Project.

Sincerely,  
Colin Dickerson, 20  
Sophomore, Northeastern University, Boston

subject: Michael McCartin Run 264 Time=6-5-2003 23:24:46.4 Km=NaN DT=4.926



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To Whom it may Concern,

I am a student living in the Boston area and I fully support the Cape Wind project. I think it is a brilliant project and I cannot think of any reason not to build it. It makes perfect sense. Providing non-polluting energy for most of Cape Cod is a big step toward sustainability, and I do believe that most residents will be okay with seeing a few little white dots on the horizon because they will know that they are living sustainably as a result.

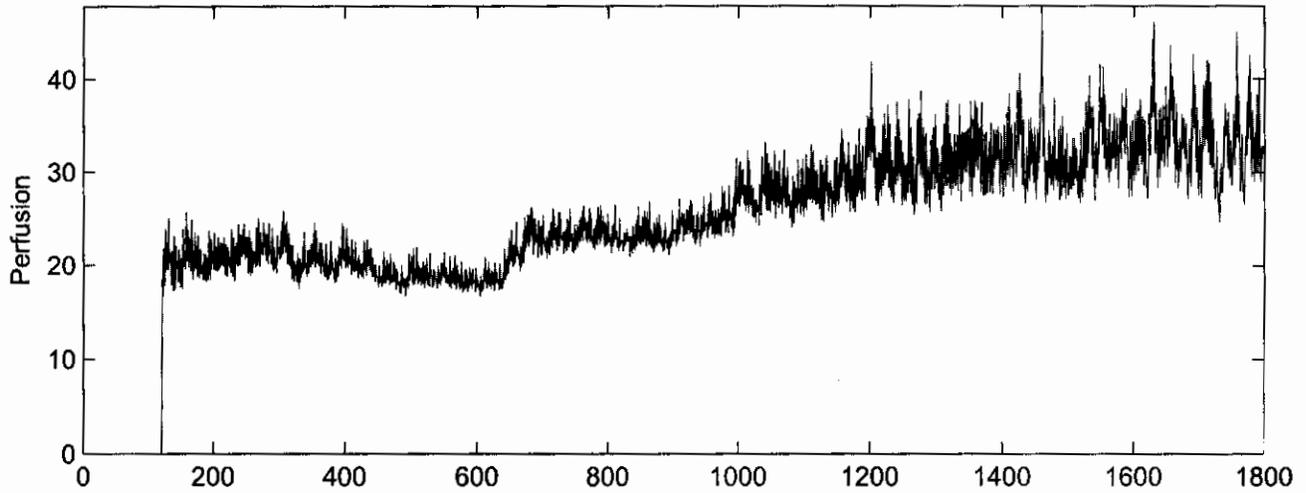
The only negative sides I can think for this project are miniscule in comparison to the damage coal and nuclear powered energy sources contribute. Perhaps a few birds might get caught in the propellers, and maybe the view of the sound from the shore won't be as pristine. But this is the real world and for every action you have to make a trade-off and I greatly prefer elegant windmills over strip mines, smokestacks, and nuclear waste. I'm sure many will agree.

So please allow this project to proceed. And let it set the precedent for many more similar projects in the future.

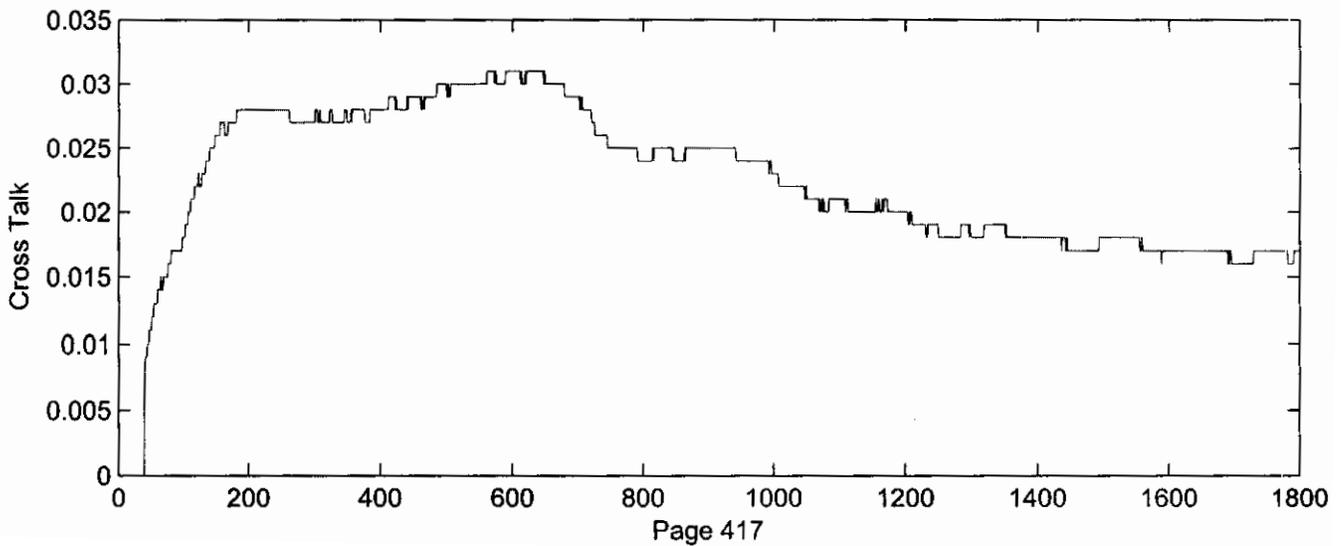
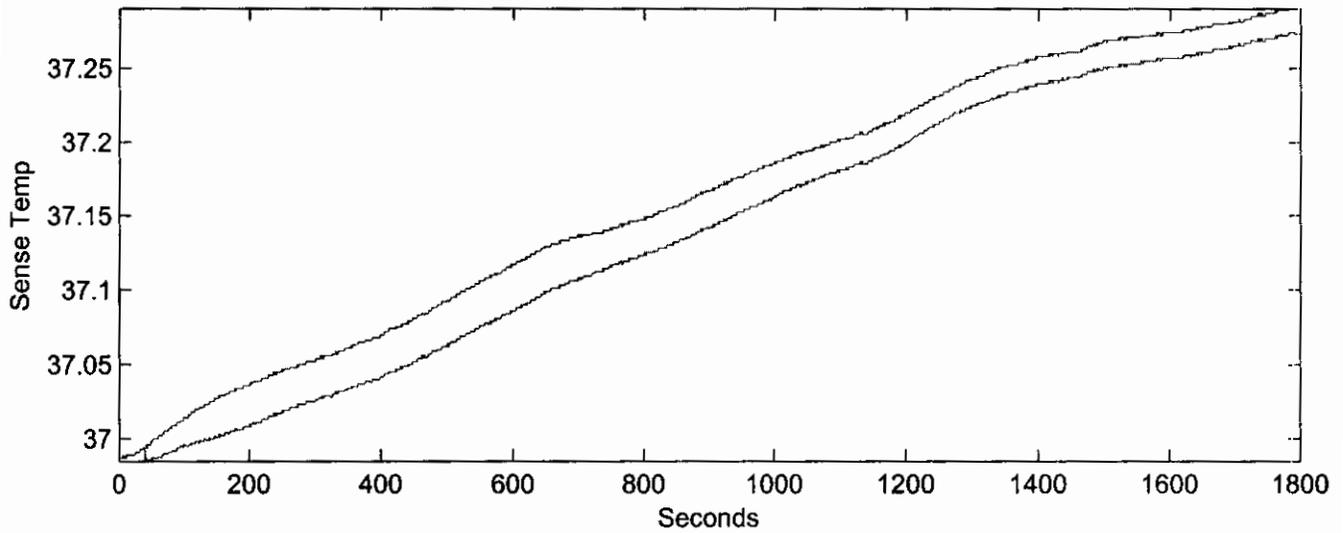
Thankyou,

Kate Allstadt

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To Karen Kirk-Adams:

I am a young female student living in Massachusetts and I support the Cape Wind Project. Acknowledging my youth, I ultimately am concerned for my health and length of my life. I run outdoors to keep myself in shape and maintain a healthy lifestyle. It concerns me that every deep breath I take as I run through the neighborhoods of Massachusetts, I am taking in toxic chemicals that do not need to be in the air. The Cape Wind Project will offset one million tons of carbon dioxide every year. I think about that fact and my lungs breathe easier.

Recently a close friend of mine had an asthma attack. She had asthma as a child, but this was the first attack in several years. She too is a healthy, active young adult and I worry that the deteriorated state of our air quality is negatively affecting her health. It is a right that citizens have access to good health. If the State has the capacity to give me the potential for better health through the creation of a clean, renewable power source I do not believe it is in anyone's power to take that right away from me.

In addition to breathing polluted air, I eat fish, which are contaminated with mercury. Massachusetts releases approximately 250 pounds of mercury from its coal burning power plants every year. This mercury gets into the water and bio-accumulates in the flesh of the fish we eat. It disturbed me to learn that I was consuming a heavy metal, so I looked up possible health effects of mercury poisoning from fish consumption. I read from the EPA that mercury poisoning can cause "impairment of the peripheral vision; disturbances in sensations ("pins and needles" feelings, usually in the hands, feet, and around the mouth); lack of coordination of movements; impairment of speech, hearing, walking; and muscle weakness." If that is not enough, were I to choose to have children, they may be at risk for severe nervous system damage that could permanently disable them from birth.

Not only am I concerned about the health affects dirty energy production causes, but as a young adult paying for college I can't afford to see fossil fuel prices increase what I pay for heat and electricity. Realizing that the cost of electricity generated by oil is considerably more that that generated by coal, it is most likely that oil generators will be the ones backed off. Building the wind farm would create a renewable supply of energy that will reduce the cost of heat and electrical bills because there will be reduced oil consumption and shipping costs.

I do not believe that nuclear is a viable alternative to fossil fuels either. While nuclear has clean emissions, the process of extracting and refining Uranium and Plutonium is a dirty and dangerous process. Nuclear waste is another hazardous concern that has no good solution. I don't want to be responsible for the nuclear waste poisoning of Native lands and peoples. Also, with the state of national security the way that it is in the 21<sup>st</sup> century I don't need a nuclear power plant to become a terrorist target in my backyard.

With the release of the Army Corps of Engineers *Environmental Impact Statement*, the proof of the benefits of the Cape Wind Project has been made clear. We need – no, I need - this wind farm. It is imperative to my health.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Muellman, 18  
Sophomore at Northeastern University



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To Karen Kirk-Adams,

Energy production always seems to have drawbacks. It can be expensive, unsightly, polluting, compromising to our foreign policy, a limited resource, or all of the above. The Cape Wind Project is a well-needed exception. Finally, we have an alternative that almost exclusively benefits the community and the country.

The day I first heard about the Cape Wind Project, it brought a smile to my face. As I read over the proposal, I kept thinking that there had to be a downside. The idea of clean, practically unnoticeable turbines powering of 75% of Cape Cod should make everyone in New England proud. It seems perfect that such a beautiful, windswept corner of the state should be powered in the same way. Massachusetts will be leading the nation in the inevitable energy revolution, providing inspiration and guidance over the decades to come. With less pollution, there will be less acid rain, fewer children afflicted by asthma, and as the technology is perfected, energy savings for everyone.

Innovative and progressive engineering is the motor that drives America forward. I look forward to the days when I can write a letter in support of alternative energy projects in my home state of Vermont. Thanks to everyone who is working to make the Cape Wind Project happen!

Peter Cooch  
Randolph, VT

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To Karen Kirk-Adams,

I strongly support the Cape Wind project in it's well-considered siting, in it's anticipation of impacts on environment, economy, and esthetics, for the sake of clean renewable energy, negative net gain on green house gasses, and energy independance both from foreign fuel sources as well as combustion technologies. I believe very strongly that society will come to appreciate the practicality, underlying beauty and implications of projects such as Cape Wind. Now is the time to move forward without delay. There is no time to spare with respect to finally putting to use this technology, given the growing body of evidence surrounding degradation of earth systems due to industrial activities of the past century. Please support this project, as well as this technology wherever it can be demonstrated to be feasible.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Urie

Professional Horticulturist, Chemist and resident of Vermont

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Dear Karen Kirk-Adams

My name is Peter Gilmore I am a 4th year student at Northeastern University a criminal justice major. I am writing to you about the Cape Cod wind project & its numerous benefits. These wind mills would tap into a invaluable resource. In these times of unstable economy & high oil prices to not look into this process would be inexcusable. I firmly believe that all of the wind would be well used & the energy could help lift us from our dependence on renewable resources. Thank you for your time.

February 9, 2005

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Dear Karen Kirk-Adams:

As a Massachusetts college student and voter, I am writing to you as a citizen concerned with the health and wellbeing of myself, the state of Massachusetts, and ultimately the nation. I am concerned about air quality, sufficient energy sources for the future, as well as the influence and respect of our country. I feel that the Cape Wind Project has an amazing amount of potential as the first step in a renewable energy revolution which is absolutely imperative to the health and sustainability of the world.

A German friend of mine once asked me when I was living abroad as an exchange student in Berlin, why the United States did not implement a wind energy program in Nevada. He had heard of a study which claimed that covering Nevada's desert with windmills would provide enough energy to power the state. Whether or not this is feasible, the point remained that many Germans viewed the US as an unnecessarily wasteful country, in more ways than one. Windmills dot the rolling countryside of many of Germany's states, gracefully and silently providing both rural and urban communities with much of the power they need, at very low cost, both monetarily and to the environment. So why not us?

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In a world of ever-increasing fuel consumption and <sup>inward</sup> Speedily decreasing resources, to maintain a sustainable lifestyle, we must begin the transition to renewable energy sources. Carbon emissions from fossil fuels have steadily increased in the atmosphere ever since the industrial revolution. This has had a very real effect on the life of this planet, seen in increasing overall temperatures, more severe storms and natural disasters, melting ice caps, and extinction of species dependent on cooler environments. The "Global Crisis" has turned from the scare-tactic speech of extreme environmentalist organizations, to a widely accepted phenomenon, appearing in major magazines such as National Geographic as a very real threat.

As for those who call the Cape their home, what better way to pay their respects to this beautiful natural landscape than ending the barrage of carbon emissions polluting its skies, and replacing this with a miniscule line of silently spinning beacons on the horizon? With an influx of high paying construction jobs as well as curious tourists, the economy of the Cape would benefit tremendously.

As a responsible citizen of this country, and of the world, I ask you to listen to the concerns of me and my fellow students, as well as educators, parents, workers and youth who agree that renewable energy is our future. The benefits are clear, and the time is now.

Thank you -



Greta Merrick, 20  
Northeastern University

To Karen - Kirk Adams

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I am young female student attending college in Boston, Massachusetts, and I am writing to you that I support the Cape Wind Project. Being you I am concerned about the future of the environment, and keeping air pollution at a bare minimum. Wind power would keep thousands of tons of sulfides and one million tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the environment each year. With the current rates of carbon dioxide emission, the earth will reach the point of no return within the upcoming decade. Also, I'm sure many of my fellow college students are as concerned with new job creation as I am. The Cape Wind project will bring many well paying jobs to the Cape Cod area, as well as boosting tourism, which will benefit local marinas and tour operators. This project will create an estimated 600 and 1,000 new jobs. The Cape Wind project also creates an ~~estimated~~ alternate form of energy, which is a great benefit considering the unstable oil market. This project has the capability of replacing 113 million gallons of oil annually and would eliminate 60 million dollars worth of oil needed each year. I am going to live in this area for a long time and this project

would reduce the concerns I have for myself,  
and my family.

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Sincerely,

Lena Marceno, 18

Freshman at Northeastern University

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Ms. Karen Kirk-Adams,

February 9, 2005

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I am a resident of Roxbury, Massachusetts and I am writing in support of the Cape Wind Project. I frequent the Cape and do not believe that the wind turbines would create any problems, even aesthetic issues. I lived in Colorado for quite sometime a few years ago, and on the drive from Denver to Boulder, CO, there were many of these turbines. They just stood there, not causing any problems but instead benefitting the energy production of the Denver area. Honestly, these mysterious windmill-like objects stirred interest in those passing through the area. I believe that instead of opposing the Cape Wind project, you may consider the turbines to even promote tourism to the Cape. Being a former Rhode Island resident, I know that locals go crazy seeking out things like this (remember the Hasbro Mr Potato Head statues all over the state of RI?).

On another note, Cape Wind will reduce pollution of factories that generate energy and promote better health by reducing risk factors to those living near energy generators. So, I ask you to not think of the Cape Wind Project to be in any way harmful to the Cape Cod

area. There are no negative impacts of it, no matter what angle you look at it from. Thank you for your time and I hope my thoughts have some influence on a decision.

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Thanks again,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kristi Parson".

Kristi Parson

121 Calumet #1

Roxbury Crossing MA 02120

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To Karen Kirk-Adams,

Alternative energy could not have a more positive affect on the environment in which everybody around the globe shares. Even though there is a debate on whether or not humans and their means of producing and living have an effect on the environment, alternative energy has only positive effects on the environment. By bringing this mean of alternative energy to the Cape will only show the community how effective and important this truly is. This will be leading by example, once one community sees the benefits this has on one single community, others will soon and hopefully follow. This may seem like one tiny step, and it is, yet it is the leading foot in the for-front of alternative energy. I cannot support this more, it's time everyone sees the importance of alternatives than striving for what we have while we have it.

Thank you, your work will soon be appreciated.

Please contact me and let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Jordan Collette

29 Weston St.

Randolph, VT 05060

[jordo42@hotmail.com](mailto:jordo42@hotmail.com)

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To Karen Kirk-Adams,

I support the Cape Wind Project for several reasons:

-Families living year-round on Cape Cod, facing rising property taxes, can breathe a huge (unpolluted) sigh of relief when winter rolls around and heating prices remain steady.

-Wind power is a step in the right direction in the fight against rising asthma rates among children on Cape Cod (and in the rest of the country).

-Cape Wind is a nod to all American families who have suffered death and disease as a result of dangerous working conditions in the U.S. coal mining industry.

-It pays more than just lip service to upholding the beauty of our spacious skies and ending "ozone alert" days in our alabaster cities.

-Cape Wind is a small-but-pioneering step away from the foreign energy dependency that binds our government to despotic regimes and draws us into war.

For these reasons, especially, I am more than willing to endure an ocean view that has been slightly altered from what I am used to. Thank you for the Cape Wind Project!

Sincerely,

Ben Sprague

Monday, February 14, 2005

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Ms. Karen Kirk-Adams

Dear Ms. Kirk-Adams:

As a long-time resident of Westborough, Massachusetts, and a commuter to Boston, I am acutely aware of how delicate our water and air really are. In Westborough rise two important rivers, the Sudbury and the Assabet; and the purity of their water is of constant concern to those who live nearby. The railroad long ago ruined a large portion of Cedar Swamp. I have seen how long it took for the Super-Fund clean up the small Hommocco Pond to be completed; the pond is still not open to the public. I kayak on the reservoir in Hopkinton State Park, the source of that town's drinking water. On the other hand, it is easy to sense the increase in pollution as one approaches Boston from the west on the Mass. Pike. For fifteen years now, I have made the return trip in a Caravan-for-Commuters van with fourteen other riders. By doing so, I have saved money and gas, but I have also reduced the emissions of fifteen aging cars to that of one new van.

I am writing to argue for the construction of the Cape Wind Energy EIS Project. This project has long been needed and should be completed quickly. While I am not a frequent visitor to Cape Cod, I have spent enough time there to appreciate it as a delicate and rare asset. Everything possible should be done to keep it that way. With the windmill system in place, the enormous quantities of sulfides and carbon dioxide produced by traditional energy sources simply would not exist. The wind would be cleaner. Energy production would be stable, low cost, and non-contaminating. The Cape Wind project, once established, will be a model for wind energy production around the world. At the very least, it would lead the development of windmill farms on every appropriate spot in Massachusetts and the other New England states. This, in turn, would lead to less dependence on imported oil and gas, less likelihood of environmental disasters, and much cleaner air and water.

It is crucial that the Cape Wind project be built. It is a solution whose time has come.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen A. Sadow, Ph.D.  
Professor of Spanish  
Northeastern University  
Boston, MA 02115

Karen Kirk-Adams,

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I am very much in support of the Cape Wind Project. I actually find it hard to believe that other people wouldn't be. For one, it is more economically efficient and would reduce the amount of carbon dioxide that I breathe in everyday.

The Cape Wind project affects me and my friends immensely. I am a college student currently living in Boston. I have visited Cape Cod on numerous occasions, almost every other summer. I also have friends that currently live on the Cape as well who support this project.

Not only do I have direct connections to Cape Cod, but I am also a human being just like everyone else. Hopefully, I will spend many more of my years in Massachusetts and I want them to be healthy ones. Not just for me, but for my anticipated descendents as well.

I believe that the world needs to take more decisive measures to improve our environment. The Cape Wind Project is a great step in this direction without being obtrusive or cumbersome. I am 100% behind this project and so is everyone I know.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

- Sarah Desilets, 20

Sophomore at Northeastern University

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Dear Karen Kirk-Adams,

I am a 32 year old female who attends the pharmacy program at Northeastern University. I am strongly in support of the Cape Wind EIS Project as this clean source of energy has long been overlooked in our society. I have lived in MA for the majority of my life and have enjoyed many summer vacations on the Cape. My travel to the Cape would not at all be hindered by the installation of wind turbines. In fact, I think that they'd be a tourist attraction and add to the appeal of the area.

I am afflicted with severe asthma (since childhood) and believe strongly that every effort should be made to clean up the environment and to use renewable sources of energy. My husband and I will soon begin a family together and I am concerned about the state of the environment and the effect that it'll have on my children.

Professionally, I will be a pharmacist in 2 years and will be responsible for promoting the health and well-being of my patients. Cleaner air, reduced garbage, + recycling programs are all needed to maintain the health of the population. Please remember that this is the only planet that we get and we need to care for it.

Yes for Wind Energy!

Sincerely,

Louise LaSalle

Dear Karen Kirk-Adams, 3667

I'm a senior at Northeastern University, & I am writing in support of the Cape Wind project. As a sufferer of severe allergies and asthma I am a strong supporter of this project. I think that it's selfish to compare property value with the health of human beings & animals. I urge you to support this project!

—Meredith Lennox  
Resident of New England!