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Senator Benjamin Downing, Chairman
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Representative Thomas Golden, Chairman
Joint Committee on Telecommunications,
Utilities & Energy
Room 473B, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator Downing and Representative Golden,

I'm writing in support of H2881 An Act to promote energy diversity of which I am the lead sponsor.

This bill will address our energy-related challenges by promoting a diversity of energy sources. We as a region face an impending energy shortfall as generators are scheduled to go offline. In recent winters, prices have been volatile and sky high. Additionally, the state has ambitious targets for the reduction of carbon emissions. This bill will address these problems by promoting a diversity of energy sources to fill the gap. Just like a prudent investor diversifies her stock portfolio to hedge against fluctuations in the market, we should diversify our energy resources to hedge against fluctuations in price and to ensure reliability. As part of that approach, this bill will require the utilities to conduct a sizeable and competitive procurement of offshore wind resources with energy-related and economic development benefits for Massachusetts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature of Patricia A. Haddad]

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