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**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION  
SB1161 Electricity - Offshore Wind Projects - Alterations**

ON BEHALF OF THE OCEAN CITY HOTEL-MOTEL-RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION  
BEFORE THE SENATE RULES March 21, 2024

On behalf of the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association representing the hospitality industry, I am writing in opposition to SB1161/HB1296 Electricity Offshore Wind Projects Alterations. While we support green energy, we stand in solidarity with the Town of Ocean City and their request to place the turbines far enough offshore so as not to be visible from the horizon. Ocean City is the only one that could see a potential negative impact and we assume all the risk.

A project of this magnitude will forever alter the visitor experience. As a community that relies on beautiful vistas, tourism, and real estate, we must protect our only industries. Additionally, this bill will put our beloved State deeper into debt. By allowing alterations to OREC pricing, you could be negatively impacting Maryland citizens at a time when many are suffering economic hardships. In fact, the Office of the People's Council testimony to HB 1296 on February 29, states, "OPC notes that it may be difficult to fully analyze the revised OREC schedules and rate impacts within the 90-day timeframe that HB 1296 currently proposes."

We respectfully request your opposition to SB1161/HB1296 Electricity Offshore Wind Project Alterations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan L. Jones".

Susan L. Jones  
Executive Director