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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed addition to the HB1296/SB1164 bill. This addition would have several negative consequences for our community, and I urge you to vote against it.

First, the addition would approve additional lease areas and to increase the financial support of the state to Offshore Wind. This would be a significant hardship for many people in our community, and it would make it more difficult for us as business owners, anglers, and our visitors.

Second, the addition is simply not necessary. The HB1296/SB1164 bill is already a comprehensive piece of legislation that addresses the issue of offshore wind which most of our community is opposed to. The addition would only add unnecessary complexity and bureaucracy to the bill, and it would make it more difficult to implement.

Finally, the proposed addition has not been adequately studied. There is no evidence that it would achieve its stated goals. In fact, there is evidence that it could have several unintended negative consequences.

I urge you to vote against the proposed addition to the HB1296/SB1164 bill. It is a bad idea that would have several negative consequences for our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please call on my personal phone (443-497-0986) if you wish to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Shawn Harman

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Owner of Fish Tales Bar and Grill
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