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**SB 781**

Offshore Wind Energy – State Goals and Procurement (Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act)  
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee. March 6, 2023

**FAVORABLE**

I am writing as a citizen to share two items of background information.

(1)

According to a very recent New York Times article of Feb 23, 2023, 'The U.S. Has Billions for Wind and Solar Projects. Good Luck Plugging Them In'

(<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/23/climate/renewable-energy-us-electrical-grid.html>),

The need to expand the electricity grid is urgent; it is a bottleneck already creating a backlog of interconnection requests and holding back renewable critically needed energy projects.

This bill is urgently needed to address this problem, and to allow Maryland to meet its energy targets.

(2)

FYI, there is a coordinated effort in Maryland by anti-wind groups to drum up opposition to wind and related renewable energy projects, which is funded fossil-fuel interests and their allies. These activities operate under-the-radar and have not yet been covered in local media, but some reputable journalists have covered the story (below):

**In the fall of 2019, residents on the coast of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland started to receive letters about a new offshore wind project from what appeared to be a neighborhood group, Save Our Beach View ...**

article: <https://www.distilled.earth/p/the-man-trying-to-kill-americas-offshore>

'The Man Trying to Kill America's Offshore Wind Industry

"He's fighting every offshore wind project in the country and recruiting hundreds to join him. Here's how."

By Michael Thomas, Jan 5, 2023

**IN NOVEMBER 2019, local property owners in Delaware and Maryland were sent a letter from "Save Our Beach View" asking neighbors to lobby local politicians against the Skipjack wind farm...**

article: <https://theintercept.com/2021/12/08/oil-industry-wind-farm-prevent/>

"Oil-backed Group opposes offshore wind — for environmental reasons.

"Local think tanks that previously supported offshore drilling have engaged in a wide-ranging campaign to stop the expansion of offshore wind farms."

by Lee Fang, December 8, 2021

<https://www.volts.wtf/p/the-right-wing-groups-behind-renewable#details>

Podcast interview with journalist Michael Thomas, December 13, 2022

Summary / Excerpt:

**"There are coordinated, well-funded anti-wind groups, active in dozens of states, working to generate opposition to wind energy and other renewable projects. These groups operate below the radar; their activities are not covered by local media."** They often use misinformation and outright lies.

Thank you very much,

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