

**On this project Talking Points for State & Federal officials:**

Wind project off LBI Hello (name),

I am calling regarding the proposed wind project off the coast of Long Beach Island, NJ While I am a proponent of sensible approaches to renewable energy, I am also very concerned about higher electric costs and whether my tax dollars are being spent wisely on this project.

As an LBI (homeowner/business owner/visitor), I am opposed to the current location and size of this project. With turbines that are 853 feet tall, this project will be the most visible modern wind project in the world, threaten marine life and impair our onshore air defense radars.

**It will have a severe impact on our local economy including:**

- Losses in tourism revenue (estimated at \$300 million per year).
- Property value losses (ranging from \$1 million for ocean fronts to \$189,000 for ocean view homes), with corresponding implications for other property owners.
- Vacation rental losses (55% of previous renters of oceanfront & ocean view properties indicated they would not return if turbines were visible, even if offered an incentive).
- Job losses in multiple areas, including hotels, restaurants, and related services.

**The current location for this project also has several other important environmental drawbacks:**

- There has been no comprehensive assessment of the impact of this project on commercial and recreational fishing and boating safety.
- The current lease area and proposed project is in the primary historical migration path of the North Atlantic right whale -- a critically endangered species with only 360 of these beautiful mammals in existence today, and threatens its migration and survival from the underwater construction and operational noise generated by the project
- It is also in the path of the Piping Plover, a threatened species of bird that nests in the Holgate Wildlife Refuge.
- It will interfere with our air defense radars in Gibbsboro NJ.
- It will destroy now-submerged ancient artifacts which could shed light on the first humans to come to North America.

**I would like some answers and justifications from you regarding this project and others:**

- How much will this project and others subsidized by New Jersey increase my electric bill?
- What exactly will this project and others accomplish to mitigate global climate change?
- How will they be removed when they stop operating and who pays for that?
- If these projects will still be proposed, what process do you see that can find better sites for them?

Please respond to me on those questions, My email address is : \_\_\_\_\_ . You can also call me at \_\_\_\_\_ .

Thank you.