

# ***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 wind energy, **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.**

**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 \$189k 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 our environment, as well as commercial and recreational fishing and boating safety.
- The current lease area is in the migration path of the **North Atlantic Right Whale** -- a highly endangered species with only 360 of these beautiful mammals in existence today.
- It is also in the path of the **Piping Plover**, a threatened species of bird that nests in the Holgate Wildlife Refuge.

**A far superior location for this project exists today: it's the Hudson South Call Area, which is 30 to 57 miles off our shore, where turbines will not be visible.**

- Hudson South offers the potential for significantly more wind energy than the current lease area.
- Hudson South has already been screened by the BOEM for conflicts with fishing, marine mammals, and navigation, for development cost, and it was already approved for wind projects.

**It's not too late. Please help us get Hudson South into consideration for this project now.**

We have already sent a detailed proposal to BOEM. But we need your help. Please call BOEM today, before it's too late, and demand they make this change. Our economy and our environment are depending on you. Will you please help us?

Thank you.