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Hon. Olivia M., Owens, Clerk of the Legislature. Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin St # 4 Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Ms. Owens,

Thank you for forwarding me the Eric County Legislatures' Resolution opposing the installation of offshore wind turbines on Lake Eric. Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Lake Erie provides 11 million people with clean drinking water. Lake Erie is a vital source of fresh fish and serves as a popular tourist destination for Western New York and has been crucial for the success of the region. Installing wind turbines offshore has the high potential of damaging tourism, impacting local fishing, and polluting Lake Erie.

My thanks to you and the members of the Erie County Legislature for all they do for their constituents. Please accept my best wishes, and feel free to contact me again if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Joe Sempolinski Member of Assembly

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