

As a (Wellesley) Massachusetts resident, I'm enthusiastically supportive of Governor Romney's Ocean Management Task Force's initiative and the establishment of the Massachusetts Ocean Resource Management Act as well as the recommendations of the Task Force for state governance of our ocean resources. I support the establishment of the Ocean Resources Management Act, specifically recommendations # 1,4,6,7 and 9.

I am enormously concerned in particular about the Cape Wind proposal under review by the Army Corps of Engineers for an extensive wind energy facility on 24 square miles of public land in Nantucket Sound. The Cape Wind proposal seems a clear attempt at grabbing public land and subsidies for private profit, at the expense of despoiling a unique natural resource and one of the most beautiful areas in the United States.

I believe it to be critical that the decisions regarding offshore development in Massachusetts be made to protect and optimize the public interest. Under the current federal management of Nantucket Sound waters, the future of the Nantucket Sound area and Massachusetts residents' and taxpayers' interests are being compromised. It is imperative that the Task Force bring forward a recommendation in which the state clearly asserts its interest and authority over Nantucket Sound. I call on the Task Force and Governor Romney to request that the Army Corps of Engineers suspend its review of the Cape Wind project until they have put an Ocean Resource Management Act into effect.

Thank you.

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