

**Executive Director**  
James A. Donofrio



February 7, 2019

Dear Mr. President,

I am respectfully asking you to please immediately halt all work on proposed industrial wind farms along the Atlantic East Coast. The companies that own these projects are foreign and they have no regard for American commercial and recreational fishermen who have been on these grounds earning a living for decades. Our jobs must come first. These industrial wind farms are an environmental scam of epic proportion. Remember Solyndra?

Mr. President, I was shocked to see BOEM (Bureau of Offshore Energy Management) give these scoundrels the green light for this project. However, I do understand there are many left over Obama people in the Department of the Interior. They clearly are not on our side.

Everywhere these industrial wind farms have been in place, the electric consumer rates have increased dramatically. The only ones who benefit from these projects are the owners, investors, and for the short term, the contracting crews who install and construct them. The entire commercial fishing industry and most of the recreational fishing industry are strongly opposed to these projects.

The USCG (United States Coast Guard) has gone on the record stating that these industrial wind farms may interfere with vessel radar in restricted visibility conditions. The USMC (United States Marine Corps) has concerns also and has gone on the record stating that these huge structures will interfere with their training missions on the East Coast.

Mr. President, the people that support these projects will never support you and your policies and have been handed a softball by BOEM. This is showroom environmentalism at its best.

Mr. President, we need you to intercede on behalf of the American commercial and sport fishing community.

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Donofrio". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "J" and a cursive "Donofrio".

Jim Donofrio