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The Honorable Senator Patty Birkholz
Michigan Senate
PO Box 30036
Lansing, MI. 48909-7536

Re: Off-Shore Wind Legislation-H.B. 6564 & S.B. 1066

Dear Senator Birkholz:

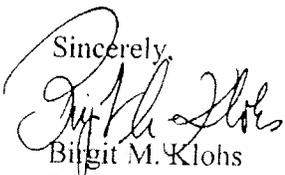
This letter is in support of the above legislation enabling a fair and responsible process to consider proposals for the development of Michigan's valuable off-shore wind resources.

West Michigan has numerous companies who can design, build, install and service wind systems; as well as port facilities that can be utilized by wind developers subject to the process authorized by the legislation. The legislation, when approved and signed into law, will make Michigan the first state in the nation to comprehensively address the issues and opportunities presented by off-shore wind development.

In addition, this legislation produces a fair process for off-shore wind development and is the result of many months of productive deliberations by the Great Lakes Off-Shore Wind Council.

We urge you and your House and Senate colleagues to support and pass this legislation during the remaining time you are in session this year.

Sincerely,



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