



February 22, 2018

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Last November, a number of groups concerned with Apex Clean Energy's Lighthouse Wind project came together to talk about the project. Lighthouse Wind would site up to 70 approximately 600 foot tall industrial wind turbines along the shores of Lake Ontario in the towns of Somerset and Yates.

The groups in attendance brought a wide variety of concerns ranging from negative impacts on bird and bat populations to decreasing tourism, disrupting hunting and fishing opportunities, increasing noise levels for local and seasonal residents, and possibly placing the future of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS) in jeopardy.

By the end of the meeting it was clear that, regardless of each group's area of focus, there was agreement that Lighthouse Wind is not properly sited, as well as interest in working together to stop it from becoming a reality.

It was decided that the best approach to focus this common goal would be to establish a coalition to advance it.

This has led to the formal establishment of the **POWER Coalition – Protecting (Lake) Ontario's Waterfront, Environment and Resources.**

The **POWER Coalition** will work to educate the public, the media and our elected officials on the serious negative consequences of erecting these massive turbines along our lakeshore.

The twelve coalition members are:

- American Bird Conservancy
- Braddock Bay Bird Observatory
- Burroughs Audubon Nature Club
- Federation of Monroe County Environmentalists
- Genesee Valley Audubon Society
- Great Lakes Seaway Trail
- Hawk Migration Association of North America
- New York State Ornithological Association
- Niagara USA Chamber
- Orleans County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs
- Rochester Birding Association
- Save Ontario Shores, Inc.

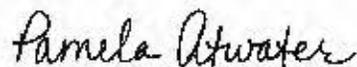
Together, these organizations represent thousands of members, including experts in their respective fields who are prepared to actively share that expertise with policy makers as this issue unfolds.

The fact that so many diverse groups were able to unite around this common issue is a strong statement as to the threat these structures would pose to our region.

It is the position of all POWER Coalition members that renewable energy is a legitimate and important goal for New York State to pursue. But no energy project should ever be free of assessing and balancing **ALL** its impacts on other vital aspects of our environment, economy and quality of life.

The POWER Coalition acknowledges the importance of standards for the proper siting of these energy projects based on eliminating or significantly mitigating the negative aspects any project might present. The POWER Coalition believes that the Apex proposal for Somerset and Yates fails to meet these standards and should be rejected by New York State.

Sincerely,



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