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Dear Sir(s)/Madam(s):

On behalf of the Maine Renewable Energy Association (MREA), this letter is meant to convey our support for Canton Mountain Wind's bid to offer its clean energy to the Procuring States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island as part of the Clean Energy RFP.

Currently New England is facing a host of significant challenges related to the reliable and affordable supply of electricity. Electricity prices in Maine and New England have shown tremendous volatility in recent years and the local utilities just substantially raised electric rates further. In short, many of the older power generating units in New England are retiring which is reducing the amount of available in-region power generation. Further, many natural gas plants are unable to obtain adequate fuel supplies to run on the coldest days. Members of the MREA, like Patriot Renewables (an affiliate of Canton Mountain

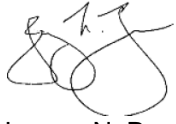
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Wind, LLC), are able to offer and transmit competitively priced clean and renewable electricity – while also providing the region with vital employment and economic benefits, and increased energy security and independence.

MREA is pleased to submit this letter in support of the Canton Mountain Wind clean energy bid. If the Evaluation Team has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Payne", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremy N. Payne
Executive Director