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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SB678

I oppose Senate Bill 678.

My name is Karie Silva I am a resident of Coos Bay. I am a member of a multigenerational fishing family that has operated off the coast of Oregon for over four decades. I have been a member of the west coast coalition for the past two years, asking a variety of questions and submitting public comments to BOEM about the numerous concerns our industry has regarding the potential irreversible damage that wind turbines could cause to our ecosystem, the California current, and all aquatic life, as well as the uncertainties the fishing industry will face if they are displaced from their fishing grounds. I oppose SB 678; community agreements are not a solution for all stakeholders concerns with offshore winds.

As a fishing industry, we must be able to mitigate for lost revenue for multigenerational fishing businesses. We must be in a position to mitigate for environmental impacts to our ocean prior to the implementation of a community agreement. There is a multitude of unanswered questions that must be addressed before there is a community agreement put in place. That would be imprudent on the part of Oregonians. We have always followed the Orogen method of doing thing, it's called the Oregon way. Don't forget that when you are considering SB 678.

I urge the Senate to vote no to SB 678

Thank you.