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Dear Members of the Wind Power Task Force:

When this Task Force began its work this past summer you took on three major objectives:

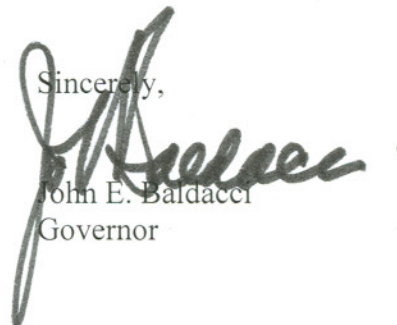
- To make Maine a leader in wind power development;
- To protect Maine's quality of place and natural resources; and
- To maximize the tangible benefits Maine people receive from wind power development.

I understand that you have been working extremely hard and have met at least 6 times along with having the opportunity to view wind turbines in the field. Your diligent efforts and dialogue are on the verge of a set of recommendations on these important goals. I am very grateful for your thoughtful deliberations to date.

You, along with the other members of the Task Force, were selected because of the different perspectives and expertise that each of you bring to this undertaking. These differences can make finding consensus challenging but also can bring about strong, effective solutions. I know firsthand that agreements on issues about which people feel most passionate are often hard to reach. They sometimes require that parties endorse an outcome that is not their top choice but a choice that is nonetheless acceptable.

As your work draws to a close, I urge you to redouble your efforts to forge a consensus among the Task Force. Consensus recommendations will provide my Administration, policy makers, wind power businesses and local citizens clear guidance and will carry great weight as we move forward in Maine. I remain confident that you can achieve consensus and I thank you once again for your commitment to this Task Force.

Sincerely,



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