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September 25, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Request for Veto of SB 286 (McGuire)**

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully request your veto of Senate Bill 286 (McGuire), which would establish a “California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group” as part of the state’s overall precarious proposal to develop offshore wind energy. When I saw the bill on the Senate Floor, I cautioned my fellow legislators and expressed my grave concerns about the rate increases Californians will experience because of this proposal.

Including those who rely on fisheries for their livelihood as part of the working group may sound good, but these individuals have already experienced negative repercussions of this effort. Most recently, the Biden Administration promised the same thing to lobster fishermen on the East Coast, but now is running roughshod over those same individuals. Quite frankly, the whole project is teetering on the brink of disaster.

The Norwegians appear to be a little more successful in their development of offshore wind energy, but then again their project is *inextricably linked with the development of offshore oil drilling*.

California’s offshore wind energy development proposal is tied at the hip to a plan to have the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) buy, sell and sign contracts for electricity. This is reminiscent of DWR trying to do the same thing during the “electricity deregulation” debacle over 20 years ago.

Finally, as with California’s fledging high-speed rail proposal, having the state step in to run an experimental new project that the federal government and private sector are both running away from, just doesn’t seem to bode well for California taxpayers.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Dahle".

Brian Dahle, Senator  
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