

**Why is the Commonwealth's agency tasked with protecting our environment supporting a bill that will allow industry to bypass environmental law?**

- This bill sends the wrong message about "green" energy. Meaning if so called green energy must bypass the same environmental standards that all other businesses have to adhere to, then how can wind energy be considered to be environmentally friendly?
- Other industries will demand the same treatment and ability to access protected land and bypass environmental laws.
- This bill may actually turn the general public against green energy!
- Under the legislation, there is NO ability for a local community to stop a project if the state approves it!
- Specifically targets protected lands.
- Large tracts of recreational lands could be lost if this Act were to pass.
- The unrestricted permitting process represented in this bill includes the construction of all ancillary facilities including roadways, transmission lines, substations and any other structures related to the project.



Is this how we want visitors and tourists to remember Massachusetts?



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**Please OPPOSE**  
**The Wind Energy Siting Reform Act**

Does this picture represent the future of our state forests and wildlife management areas?



**This Act sends the wrong message that wind energy needs special help to avoid the existing environmental permitting standards that all other industries must meet!**

## Quotes directly from the bill that represent

- A loss of protected land,
- A loss of local control, and
- A loss of outdoor recreational opportunities!

*"...has complied to the maximum practicable extent..."*

*"...approve the facility...the benefits of the facility outweigh the detriments..."*

*"...the board's decision shall not supersede the municipal permit except as to any locally imposed conditions that the board finds would significantly impair the ability of the applicant to develop, construct, own or operate the facility..."*

*"...identify state lands protected...suitable...for wind power..."*

*"...if the board issues an approval...no state agency or local government shall impose or enforce any law ... which would delay or prevent the construction..."*

## What are we going to lose?



For nearly a century, we have worked diligently to enhance and protect wildlife habitat and open space lands. We have done so through initiatives like the 1937 Pittman Robinson Act and the 1990 Land Stamp Act through which we have self taxed ourselves to set aside land and habitat for the benefit of all. The version of the bill that we have been supplied with clearly appears to be a threat to a century's worth of conservation effort.

## Oppose The Wind Energy Siting Reform Act



The badge of honor for green energy should be able to pass any environmental standards set before it, thus setting an example for all other industries to follow.

If so-called green industry needs legislative help to bypass our laws that protect our environment, then how can that industry ever be considered to be environmentally friendly?