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**78 MEMBERS OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE URGE
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR SALAZAR
TO APPROVE CAPE WIND**

BOSTON, MA, APRIL 6, 2009 – Seventy-eight Members of the Massachusetts Legislature, including both Democrats and Republicans from the House and Senate sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today to urge that he grant Cape Wind a favorable Record of Decision and Lease as soon as possible.

The Letter was prepared by Frank I. Smizik, Chairman of the House Committee on Climate Change and Global Warming and by Marc R. Pacheco, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Climate Change and Global Warming.

“As Interior Secretary Ken Salazar begins his public meetings across the country today on offshore renewable energy, we want him to know that Cape Wind has the strong support of the Massachusetts Legislature and the public,” said House Chairman Smizik. “It is time for Cape Wind to be approved so that we can create jobs, increase energy independence, and demonstrate Massachusetts leadership on climate change,” Smizik added.

Cape Wind has been reviewed by 17 federal and state agencies for the past seven years. The final report, issued earlier this year by the Interior Department, said the wind power project would create jobs, reduce air pollution and have minimal impacts.

“The time for action on climate change is now -- Cape Wind will position Massachusetts as a global leader in offshore renewable energy development,” said Senate Chairman Pacheco.

The letter signed by 78 Members of the Massachusetts Legislature in support of Cape Wind is being delivered to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today in Atlantic City, NJ, at his first of four regional public meetings on offshore energy development.

“With unemployment on Cape Cod at 12%, we need Cape Wind’s clean energy jobs as soon as possible,” said Matt Patrick, Representative of the 3rd Barnstable District which includes the shoreline nearest to the proposed offshore wind turbines.

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