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Dear MMS Officers,

I am writing in response to your call for input on the Cape Wind proposal. I am vitally interested in the matter of air quality as it relates to health. My wife and I moved to the Cape 25 years ago, thinking it would be a happy, healthy place for retirement.

Now we are informed by a study of our air that it is the most contaminated in Massachusetts. (American Lung Association and Harvard School of Public Health) These studies tell us that if Cape Wind were operational it would save 12-15 lives annually, 200 emergency room visits, 5,000 asthma attacks, 35,000 cases of upper resperatory afflictions, and a health benefits cost of $53 million every year.

My wife Carmen had bronchial pneumonia from September, 2004 through April, 2005, requiring 3 trips to the Falmouth Hospital emergency room. My lungs have been congested for years. We hope not to become further parts of future statistics.

The officers of Minerals Management who are deciding whether or not to issue the neccesary permits must take the life-and-death consequences of the decision very seriously. There are many complex technical, economic, environmental, and political aspects to the task, but can any factor be weighted more heavily than the health of the affected citizens?

Thank you, and with best regards,

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