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New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup
C/O Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center and the Great Bay Discovery Center
89 Depot Road
Greenland, NH 03840

Dear Friends,

I wish I could join you today as you discuss the pressing environmental issues that face New Hampshire's coastal region.

This summit is a vital part of a broader discussion of climate change as it highlights and brings awareness to the impact it has on the coastal regions here in the state and around the world. With New Hampshire's natural beauty at the core of its identity, it is important as ever to take every effort to preserve it. I commend you all for your efforts for continuing to try to find solutions and ways to adapt to this pressing issue

During my time as Governor and now as Senator of New Hampshire, I have understood the significance of taking action against climate change. I have pushed for more energy efficiency policies, working with my colleagues on both sides to make this a priority in the Senate. This year we achieved a new landmark in energy saving measures with the President signing into law portions of the Shaheen-Portman Bill. This bill increases the use of efficiency technologies in residential, commercial, and industrial sectors, and moves New Hampshire and the nation closer to becoming energy independent.

The organizations represented in the New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup recognize that advocacy and education are important first steps in addressing the damaging consequences of climate change. Through collaborative discussions like these, we can plot an approach to climate change that preserves the New Hampshire we have come to know and love. Thank you to all individuals and organizations gathered here today, particularly those who organized the Summit.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator