

United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

I regret that I cannot be there with you today, but welcome to the New Hampshire Coastal Climate Summit.

Across New Hampshire, our beautiful natural resources strengthen our economy, create jobs, and support our high quality of life. Unfortunately, we are already seeing the impacts of climate change in New Hampshire – particularly here on the Seacoast.

It has long been clear that human activity is the driving force behind our changing climate – and each year we continue to feel the effects, including stronger and more frequent storms. Additionally, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) estimates that New Hampshire's sea levels are expected to rise by up to two feet by 2050, posing a critical threat to our coast and low-lying communities.

People across the Granite State are concerned about what extreme weather and increased precipitation will mean for their families, their homes, and their businesses. We must focus on efforts to help these vulnerable communities prepare, improve our infrastructure, and develop resilience strategies to help plan ahead for future climate change impacts. We must also keep working to mitigate the effects of climate change, which is why I am continuing to push to cut carbon emissions, conserve and protect our natural resources, and build a stronger clean energy future.

I applaud the work of many of you here and others throughout the region who are working at the state and local level to be proactive and address these challenges head on – and I urge you to keep up your great work. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you to address climate change, and to achieve a cleaner environment and stronger energy future that will help our citizens, economy, and businesses thrive.

With every good wish,



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