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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,

Thank you for taking the time today to meet in support of environmental research and greater action regarding the urgent issue of climate change.

The New Hampshire Coastal Climate Summit is a common gathering point for many different stakeholders—biologists, environmental scientists, educators, business executives, lawmakers and citizens worried about the health of their loved ones. While the crowd today is diverse, we are all united today in our concerns for our beloved planet and its future. New Hampshire is home to a small but critically important coastline, which serves not only as a beautiful tourist attraction but also an asset for local businesses. In addition, the oldest cities in New Hampshire are right here on the coastline—the first Granite Staters knew of the Seacoast's great potential, and it is in our best interest today to ensure that these beautiful shores are protected for centuries to come.

The erosion of our coastal shores, the rising of sea levels, and the overall increase in average temperatures all represent threats that can endanger our coastline and our communities. This summit is not simply an event dedicated to learning more about the causes and effects of climate change, but rather an opportunity for all of us to come together, share perspectives from our particular fields, and ultimately establish new, innovative solutions to combatting this issue. It is the skills displayed here—dialogue, education, and cooperation—that will preserve a thriving Seacoast for future generations to know and cherish.

Thank you once again for gathering today to recognize the pressing issue of climate change and working together to establish solutions that will benefit our future citizens.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator