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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the invitation to join you at the 2022 NH Climate Summit. Please know that I am with you in spirit as we continue to share research and drive discussion of best practices that will strengthen our resilience to climate change and support a thriving regional coastline. Thank you to the New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup for putting together this informative event. The diversity of workgroup members is a reflection of both the significance of New Hampshire's coastal watershed and the growing challenges it faces from extreme weather and climate change.

New Hampshire is home to a small but critically important coastline. It serves not only as a beautiful outdoor recreation attraction and an asset for local businesses, but also as a habitat for unique wildlife and a vast, interactive classroom for local students. It is in our best interest today to protect these beautiful shores for centuries to come. Doing so requires us to recognize the existential threat of climate change and explore its impacts on some of the most iconic elements of our Granite State heritage and identity. Coastal resiliency has long been a critical concern for me, which is why I have always fought to secure funding for climate research, mitigation efforts and investments in infrastructure.

This workshop is an opportunity for all of us to share perspectives from our particular fields and ultimately implement innovative solutions to protect and strengthen the coastal communities of New Hampshire. The discussion, education, and collaboration displayed here will go a long way in preserving our cherished Seacoast for future generations to know and appreciate.

I hope that the 2022 NH Coastal Climate Summit will encourage further discussions on these important topics. I wish you all the best as you continue your good work.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator