



Support Climate Change Resolution

To the Editor;

We are writing this brief letter to encourage our neighbors in the towns of Campton, Holderness, and Plymouth to join us in support of responsible energy policies by voting yes on the N.H. Climate Change Resolution at the upcoming town meetings (www.carboncoalition.org/community/Comm.php).

The N.H. Climate Change Resolution asks New Hampshire communities to go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire.

These actions include: 1) Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy, and 2) Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment. More than 180 communities in New Hampshire will put this resolution before their voters this year.

This is similar to work done in 1983, where a grassroots effort resulted in 197 New Hampshire towns passing a resolution calling for national action on acid rain. Prior to this initiative, acid rain was not on the political radar screen. This effort produced results: today sulfur emissions are down by 1/3 from their levels in the 1980s.

New England winters are on average 4.3 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than just thirty years ago. Snowfall amounts have declined by more than 15 percent. Our maple sugar industry and our fall foliage depend upon cooler temperatures. This season our ski industry missed both the Thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday tourism dollars due to warm weather. Our economy depends now, not just decades from now, on tackling this issue head on. Additionally, we can all save money if we use energy conserving products in our homes, businesses, and automobiles - good for the planet, good for the economy, good for all of us.

Plymouth votes on March 13. Campton and Holderness both vote on March 14. Please vote for this resolution at town meeting. Please ask your neighbors to vote. For our generation, for future generations, for our economy, for our environment.

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