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Letter

Since 1975, the U.S. Congress has held 253 hearings on global climate change - including 6 last month, but bold action to limit the greenhouse gas emissions which cause global warming has yet to be taken.

A similar situation faced New Hampshire in the early 1980's. Acid rain caused by Midwest power plant emissions was polluting our lakes. But it wasn't on the political radar screen - until 197 NH towns passed warrant articles calling for action at their town meetings.

A similar Town Meeting Initiative is underway here in Northwood and in many other towns around the state. Sponsored by the Carbon Coalition, volunteers like me are gathering the required signatures on petitions to bring this issue to the voters of New Hampshire.

The warrant calls on the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change by: 1) establishing a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy; and 2) creating a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investments.

Passage of this warrant article in over 200 towns in the spring of 2007 will send a powerful message to the Presidential candidates who will be campaigning in the state.

Join me in signing the petition at the polls on election day. For more information in the meantime, visit Town Meeting 2007 at www.carboncoalition.org. Or contact me at tchase@metrocast.net.

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