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What is the Carbon Coalition?
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The [Carbon Coalition](#), a bi-partisan alliance advocating for a national energy policy to mitigate climate change, is sponsoring a Town Meeting 2007 Campaign. This grassroots initiative is seeking a resolution at the March 2007 town meetings or SB2 elections statewide calling for action on global warming at the national and local levels. The text of the resolution can be found at [Resolution](#).

This resolution is a two-step process. The first step is to have this issue placed on the ballot in March. To do this, the petition must be signed by at least 25 registered voters in the town (although more signatures are certainly preferable). The second step is to vote on the resolution in March. A strong voter turnout from supporters is needed to ensure the resolution passes.

There's a terrific precedent for grassroots initiatives like this resulting in federal action on the issue. Twenty years ago municipalities throughout New Hampshire had a similar resolution on the ballot regarding acid rain. There wasn't the awareness then about acid rain that exists now with climate change. Yet the resolution still passed overwhelmingly in 197 out of 199 municipalities.

Capitalizing on our first in the nation primary status, New Hampshire voters helped make acid rain a national issue and federal legislation was passed limiting sulfur dioxide emissions from electric utilities. The "cap and trade" market-based system that was developed reduced emissions substantially, without burdening utility customers. New Hampshire led the nation on that important issue, and we can do so again with climate change.

If you live in Northwood, Candia, or Deerfield, please consider volunteering for this effort to put the resolution on the ballot in your town and help secure its passage. For further information or to volunteer, please contact Toby Ball, the Carbon Coalition Field Organizer, at 422-6464 or tball@cleanair-coolplanet.org.

With scientists virtually unanimous in their agreement that greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel combustion are causing our climate to change (a view reaffirmed by President Bush in the Gleneagles Communiqué in 2005), the time to act is now. I hope you'll join me in supporting this effort by signing the petition and voting in favor of it at our respective town meetings/SB2 elections in March 2007.