

February 4, 2009

Dear Member of Maine's Congressional Delegation:

As business men and women in Maine, we call on you to help enact legislation this year that addresses the threat of global warming. We specifically urge that you make passage of a strong and effective climate security bill one of the top priorities for action in 2009.

Global warming could pose a very serious threat to Maine's economy, environment, and quality of life. The best scientific data suggest that global warming could cause significant sea-level rise along Maine's lengthy coastline, jeopardizing property, wildlife habitat, and infrastructure. Global warming also could result in more severe weather, increased smog and asthma, and significant harm to our natural resource-based economy.

Maine could considerably benefit as a result of well-designed climate legislation which focuses on major investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy development, resulting in jobs and reduced dependence on fossil fuels. Such initiatives are important for Maine's economy at a time of growing concern about energy costs.

Maine companies are already beginning to expand into the clean energy economy, building wind farms, manufacturing components for renewable energy systems, and helping insulate and weatherize homes and businesses. Clear policy direction from Washington is important to maximize investment in these growth industries.

We urge you to do all you can to ensure that the United States acts swiftly and effectively in 2009 to address the threat of global warming. Now is the time for leadership. Maine people are counting on you to help.

Sincerely,

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