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Senator John Sununu
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Dear Senator Sununu

It is imperative that action be taken to pass the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act (S.2191) when it comes before the full senate next month.

Countless numbers of individuals, from weather watchers to expert climatologists now agree that global warming constitutes a serious threat to our planet. It has become increasingly evident that much of the cause for this climate change lies with our release of massive quantities of greenhouse gases into the environment over the last several decades. The forest and lands of New Hampshire are already changing as a result of past releases and those changes will become even more pronounced in the future unless we do something to cut back now.

Without action steps such as those offered by Sen. Lieberman, the NH Wildlife Action Plan indicates that over a dozen species and habitats will be threatened. The structure of the entire forest will change as habitats transform and the distribution of timber types changes over time. These changes in the forest will have an impact on land owners, foresters and loggers as markets are forced to adjust to a new timber paradigm. Winters will be warmer, with more rain and increased slush, making timber harvesting more difficult. These impacts are a small portion of the larger potential, but together they spell potential doom to the NH timber industry and could play havoc with effective forestry management in the state.

As a developer of clean renewable power plants that utilize a portion of the vast biomass resources the state enjoys, we are taking steps to do our part in this effort, but more needs to be done.

Sen. Lieberman's bill may not be the complete solution, but it is evident that we must begin by setting attainable long-term goals to reduce CO₂. Additionally, efforts to address deforestation, both nationally and internationally, are clearly called for as we endeavor to implement sustainable forestry practices at home and abroad. An allowance system that allocates funds to support public benefit is necessary.

As a New Hampshire business that is among those that will be impacted significantly by unchecked global warming, I call on you to support the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act (S.2191).

Respectfully,

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