

## United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

I regret that I am not able to be with you in person for the New Hampshire Energy Summit, but I want to welcome you all here today and thank the Dupont Group and the New Hampshire Independent Energy Council for convening this important annual event.

Ever since Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, generating, delivering, and consuming energy has posed a new challenge for every opportunity it has sparked. Today, our state, region, and nation are facing both unprecedented energy challenges, but also exciting opportunities. As we prepare for the cleaner, more resilient energy system of the future, we must make sure that all of our residents and businesses are able to participate, and to benefit from cleaner air, good jobs, and the more reliable energy systems that clean energy delivers.

As I have often said, the best value for businesses and families is the energy they never have to purchase. While we have made progress implementing cost-effective energy efficiency programs, there is much more to do, and I am pleased that many of you in this room are working on the implementation of exciting new energy efficiency goals that will benefit New Hampshire energy consumers.

Coupled with efficiency, encouraging the growth of local, clean energy sources will also help to ensure that we are not disproportionately reliant on any one energy source, and that we can build the economy of the future that is more resilient and self-reliant. Innovative energy technologies minimize environmental impacts, protect our natural resources, and grow local jobs. As Governor and now as a U.S. Senator, I am committed to working with you to enhance our energy efficiency efforts, diversify our energy sources, and support innovative technologies that help to combat climate change.

Once again, thank you to the Dupont Group, the New Hampshire Independent Energy Council, and all of you here today for your commitment to working on the state's energy future. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you to address our energy challenges and develop innovative energy solutions for our people, businesses, and communities.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan  
United States Senator