

United States Senate

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NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup
Greenland, NH

Dear Friends,

I'm sorry that I can't be with you for the 2024 Coastal Adaptation Workgroup Climate Summit. I want to thank the organizers and everyone attending today's events for your commitment to tackling climate change.

New Hampshire's beautiful coastline is beloved by Granite Staters. It provides critical research opportunities that enrich our understanding of our marine environment as we train the next generation of marine scientists at our colleges and universities. It also supports our local fishing and aquaculture economy, while attracting countless visitors to our state every year, making it an important contributor to our travel and tourism sector and it is a wonderful place to call home.

As you know, climate change poses an existential threat, in particular to coastal communities. In recent years, strong storms have threatened homes, small businesses, and infrastructure on New Hampshire's Seacoast. It is essential that we continue to work together to combat climate change and ensure that our communities are more resilient and prepared for the future. Your collaborative approach to bolstering coastal resiliency is vital to that mission.

Thanks in part to the advocacy of Granite Staters we were able to pass the bipartisan infrastructure law which, among other things, makes important investments in strengthening coastal resiliency, including for New Hampshire's Seacoast. It is critical that we continue to build on these efforts. I encourage you to use this summit as an opportunity to continue to learn from one another and envision a brighter future for our state and our country.

Thank you to everyone who made today's event possible. I look forward to continuing to work together to meet this moment in the climate crisis so that our citizens, economy, and environment can thrive for generations to come.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator