

This Oil Dealer Wants Senators Snowe and Collins to Lead on Strong Energy and Climate Legislation

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My name is George Haselton. With my wife, Eliza, I own and operate two companies in mid-coast Maine: Harvest Energy and Rockport Mechanical. We have more than 20 years of experience in the business and currently employ about 18 people.

Through Harvest Energy, we sell and deliver heating and cooking fuels including #2 Heating Oil, K-1 Kerosene, Diesel, Propane and B-20 Biofuel to about 800 homes and businesses in Knox, Waldo, and Lincoln counties.

Through Rockport Mechanical, our home energy conservation technicians sell, install and service heating equipment, cooling equipment, and air quality equipment.

I hold a master license in the state of Maine for: Plumbing, Oil Burners, Solid Fuels, LP Gas installation and solar thermal installation. Our employees and I are certified by the manufacturers of all the heating products, controls, air quality systems, passive and active solar systems that we install.

We see ourselves as in the “energy” business, not just the “oil” business and believe it is past time for other fuel dealers and heating technicians to do the same. Over time, fuel oil will go the way of the buggy whip, and along with others in the oil business we will have to grow and change to succeed...and I say “the sooner the better!”

That’s one reason I want Maine’s Senators Snowe and Collins to be working hard for strong federal legislation that will deliver a clean energy future and help stop climate change.

For Maine to be more energy-independent, employ more Maine people, and send less of our hard-earned money out-of-state, we need to use our Yankee ingenuity to increase energy efficiency and use our own natural resources wisely. This will not only help our economy and businesses to compete, but it will also help cut air pollution and climate changing pollution too.

As parents of two wonderful children, I want them and their children to be spared the health, economic, and natural problems climate change will bring.

Our companies strive to be leaders, innovators, and providers of quality home energy conservation solutions and to be on the cutting edge of highly efficient heating, plumbing, air conditioning, heat recovery, geothermal, solar, water treatment and more.

I urge our U.S. Senators to be leaders too, to a brighter, clean energy future. Thank you.