



Dear Senators Collins and King,

As business men and women in Maine, we are calling on you to support federal action that addresses the threat of climate change. **We urge you to support the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to cut climate pollution from power plants under the Clean Air Act.**

**Climate change poses a serious threat to Maine's economy, environment, and quality of life.** Warmer and more acidic oceans endanger lobsters and other marine fisheries, jeopardizing the culture and economy of Maine's coastal communities. This includes the many Maine businesses supported by tourism that are associated with lobsters and the working waterfront. A rising sea level and more extreme weather further imperil coastal properties, roads and infrastructure, and wildlife habitat. Climate change is also likely to increase smog and worsen public health, and hurt our economy through impacts to winter recreation, forest products and other sectors.

**Maine has everything to gain and little to lose through national power plant pollution standards.** We breathe air that blows from upwind states that burn large amounts of dirty coal. Maine and the Northeast have *already* taken concrete steps to reduce power plant pollution, including through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). **The EPA's rules will help ensure that power plants across the country follow our lead.**

We believe that limiting carbon pollution from power plants will spur innovation and investment in clean energy, strengthening Maine's economy and curbing the climate instability that could have devastating impacts on Maine's small businesses and economy.

The President has directed the EPA to propose carbon pollution standards for new and existing power plants. **Your leadership could help determine whether those efforts succeed or fail.**

We urge you to do all you can to ensure that the United States acts effectively to address the growing threat of climate change. Now is the time for leadership. Maine people are counting on you to help.