

Dear State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee members,

Please oppose HCR1. It reads like a climate science denier's testimonial.

I am offended and embarrassed for our state by HCR1. There is scientific consensus that Anthropogenic Global Warming (AGW) is a serious problem: [climate.nasa.gov/scientific-consensus](https://climate.nasa.gov/scientific-consensus). No scientific organization in the world disputes this understanding. Greater than 99% of all peer-reviewed articles published in scientific journals support the conclusion, and it is taught in science classes in schools and universities across the state. My webpage summarizes recent major scientific reports on AGW from leading state, national, and international science organizations: [carboncashback.org/science](https://carboncashback.org/science).

House Resolution HCR1 downplays the problem of AGW and belittles those who take the scientific warnings seriously. I have rewritten the resolution to replace the insults and front group talking point phrases with more accurate text at [bit.ly/2025-nh-hcr1-is-all-wrong](https://bit.ly/2025-nh-hcr1-is-all-wrong). Please consider amending the resolution as indicated.

The text of HCR1 seems to be from one of the many front groups that are funded by the fossil fuel industry that work to delay addressing that industry's climate pollution. It uses talking points and phrases promoted at conferences sponsored by those front groups. If you are unaware of the role of those groups in the two-faced game the fossil fuel industry has played on us for decades to trick us into delaying addressing its pollution, please read the webpage I wrote at [bit.ly/two-faced-game](https://bit.ly/two-faced-game).

Despite the disinformation about AGW promoted by dozens of well-funded front groups, most citizens of New Hampshire take the scientific warnings about AGW seriously. A [Yale Climate Communications](#) survey found that 59% of New Hampshire citizens think global warming is caused by humans, and 64% are worried about it. The HCR1 resolution is a slap in their faces. While some co-sponsors of the bill are members of the House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee, none of them seem to have any academic credentials regarding climate science, and they are completely ignoring our state's official climatologist on this matter.

I have asked the Chairman of the House STE Committee to invite our state's Climatologist to an informational hearing to help clear up these members' misunderstandings of the science of climate change. He agreed to do so but has not done it yet.

Please watch this presentation by Dr. Mary Stampone (the official New Hampshire State Climatologist and lead author of the 2022 NH Climate Assessment Report) and Dr. Cameron Wake (a co-author) on their 2022 report:

- [NH Network Presents: Preparing for New Normals in NH's Climate](#)

The costs of AGW to New Hampshire are already in the billions of dollars a year and are rising. Ignoring those costs and downplaying the scientific warnings about the pollution causing them and the increasing costs if the problem is not addressed is irresponsible.

If the above presentation gives you concern about what can be done about the pollution problem, watch an exploration of policy solutions to the problem with this review of MIT's climate policy simulator by the Director of Climate Policy Modeling at Climate Interactive, Dr. Josh Loughman:

- [NH Network Presents: Climate Solutions Update 2024 - A Peek Under the Hood of the New En-ROADS](#)

En-ROADS helps show the GHG emissions-reducing power of a carbon polluter fee. The Carbon Fee and Dividend policy does that in a far-reaching, family- and business-friendly way. The "Economists Statement on

Carbon Dividends," the largest public statement by Economists in history, endorses this approach:  
[clcouncil.org/economists-statement](http://clcouncil.org/economists-statement).

Conservative Economist and Statesman George Shultz elaborated on this policy approach in an article, "[The Winning Conservative Climate Solution](#)."

Rather than downplaying the scientifically identified fossil fuel pollution that is the leading cause of climate change since 1900, I hope our legislators will take the problem of AGW seriously and take responsible steps to reduce our state's share of the pollution. Many of those steps will also save businesses and citizens money and lead to better health and cleaner air and water.

Sincerely,  
John Gage