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Representative Diane Pauer, Chair  
Municipal and County Government  
Granite Place Room 154  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chair Pauer, Vice Chair MacDonald and Members of the House Municipal and County Government Committee,

My name is District 1 Executive Councilor Joe Kenney of Wakefield, New Hampshire. I support House Bill 1205 prohibiting state and county owned lands from participating in carbon sequestration projects.

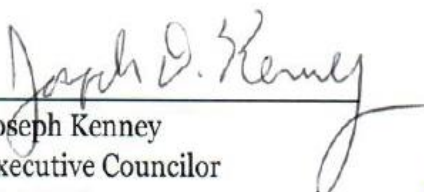
The practice of carbon sequestration for profit is a new approach in the forest industry to demand companies to be responsible for creating dirty air and to purchase carbon credits. The unfortunate aspect of this practice is that it can hold up economic activity, prevent regeneration of the forest and disrupt local tax revenue to local communities.

Presently, the federal government does not allow carbon sequestration programs on our federal land across the United States. I believe this should be the same for our public state and county lands in New Hampshire. This would ensure that the land remains open for recreation and for forest management purposes, so that the land is not tied up for decades. Additionally, it would allow the revenue for harvesting to remain consistent, and to support local municipality with timber tax revenues.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony on this topic.

Again, I ask for your support on House Bill 1205.

Sincerely

  
Joseph Kenney  
Executive Councilor  
District 1