Subject: Request for a climate science intervention in the STE

Dear NH State Legislators,

For the last seven years, I have observed and testified at NH Legislature Committee hearings related to energy and climate. As someone with a strong background in science and economics, I have been increasingly disappointed by a counter-narrative from some respected members of the STE on the subjects of human-caused global warming and carbon pricing. As I've learned about the various sources of information and opinions, it has become clear that some legislators are unaware that they are being played by out-of-state polluter interests. There are fossil fuel industry-funded front groups that wrap legitimate conservative values around a misleading narrative about climate pollution from fossil fuels. This Trojan Horse-style tactic is part of an effort to delay addressing scientifically identified pollution from fossil fuels to extend fossil fuel industry profits as long as possible (despite the costs and risks of that delay).

At the top of the list of those who have fallen for the trick is the NH House Republican Whip, Representative Jeanine Notter. The NH SOS site shows Notter has received over \$8000 in reimbursements from Koch-funded groups for attending Heartland Institute and ALEC conferences in the last five years:

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Notter has publicly defended the Heartland Institute in STE Committee hearings, repeated talking points promoted at Heartland Conferences, and distributed Heartland Institute propaganda pamphlets to community leaders and presumably STE members. As far as I know, she has never attended a climate science conference organized by a reputable climate science organization such as NASA, NOAA, the EPA, the US Global Change Research Program, or the IPCC.

The climate opinions promoted by Heartland Institute are not supported by a single scientific organization anywhere in the world. Even Exxon's own climate group came to conclusions about carbon emissions from fossil fuels that align with those of NASA and the IPCC. Shell has also long supported those conclusions and even produced a video about it in 1991. (Yet both companies have also funded disinformation about it). There has been scientific consensus about global warming from fossil fuel emissions for decades. Heartland is not a reliable or reputable source of climate science information or talking points. It is a leading source of the counter-narrative that is funded by fossil fuel interests to delay legislative action to address a serious pollution problem from fossil fuels.

Failure to accept and understand the scientific consensus has led to many past decisions and recommendations by the STE committee that run counter to science, common sense, and NH businesses' and citizens' interests.

To clear up the confusion among STE members about what we know through science on the subject of global warming, I request that Chairman Vose convene an information-gathering hearing for the STE Committee on the matter. Topics could include a summary of the 2022 NH State Climate Assessment by NH's State Climatologist from UNH, Dr. Mary Stampone, and co-author Dr. Cameran Wake. All STE committee members could ask questions about the scientific understanding, the confidence of that understanding, and how what we know through science about the problem will impact New Hampshire. The misleading statements made by Representative Bernardy in his HR17 testimony to the State-Federal Relations Committee last year could be analyzed and refuted by state experts. After the science has been cleared up, a hearing about corrective policies would be useful - perhaps including a demonstration of the En-ROADS climate policy simulator from MIT, and a Q&A with a variety of leading NH economists.

Failure to accept the mainstream scientific understanding of climate pollution from fossil fuels, and failure to acknowledge the dramatic shifts in global energy policies to address that pollution, is causing NH to fall behind neighboring states in many ways - including rooftop PV installations, EV incentives, EV charging infrastructure deployments, investments in energy efficiency, and is leading to promoting new fossil fuel infrastructure for heating, electricity generation, and transportation that will predictably become stranded costs as global climate policies encircle the US and are eventually adopted by the US at the national and regional levels (see attached). NH can not change what is coming, but by anticipating it, we can position the state to best take advantage of it. This will help NH businesses be more competitive, NH towns reduce spending and taxes, and citizens save money, breathe cleaner air, have purer water, and provide a safer future for ourselves and future generations.

Thank you for all you do for our state, John Gage Citizens Climate Lobby volunteer CCL NH state coordinator Windham, NH 603-303-9767