



Dear Northeast Governors:

We applaud your efforts to address global warming at the regional level. Global warming poses significant threats to the people and communities of the Northeast. A recent report, *Climate Change Indicators for the Northeast*, cited more than a dozen examples of changes in our regional environment as a result of long term warming trends. We are already feeling the effects of heat waves, shrinking water supplies and snow pack, increased rates of asthma, floods and storms, and coastal erosion.

In response, cities, towns and counties across the region have already made it a policy priority to reduce global warming pollution, and we continue our work with great enthusiasm for a cleaner future for the Northeast.

As mayors, we understand that addressing carbon pollution brings many benefits to our communities – not the least of which is a reduction in levels of the criteria air pollutants detrimental to human health. Many of us are actively pursuing cuts in carbon pollution at the municipal level, but we know that ultimately it will take leadership at the state and national levels to slow the rate of global warming.

That is why we fully support the ongoing development of a cap-and-trade system for the power sector to lower carbon pollution across the Northeast. We strongly encourage our state governments to move forward in developing this model rule under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and we urge them to maintain our regional prominence as a leader in addressing global warming.

The opportunity to establish a model for a national response to this problem brings with it great responsibility. The northeast states must present an effective plan for steadily and significantly reducing emissions of carbon dioxide from the electricity sector. Energy conservation and efficiency will allow the needed pollution cuts to be achieved in a way that benefits consumers and enhances electric reliability. Fulfilling and expanding the states' various commitments to bring new, non-polluting energy sources to the region like wind and solar power will also play an important role. Combined with an emissions cap-and-trade program, these strategies will provide an effective model for the nation.

We hope that our state governments will continue on this path of leadership, as we continue our local leadership on global warming.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Michael E.J. Blastos
City of Keene, NH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David B. Cohen".

Mayor David B. Cohen
City of Newton, MA

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Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
City of New Haven, CT

**Additional Signatures from Northeast Mayors and
Chief Local Officials as of August 24, 2005:**

Mayor John M. Fabrizi	Bridgeport, CT
First Selectman Kenneth A. Flatto	Fairfield, CT
Town Manager Robert E. Lee	Plainville, CT
Mayor Dannel P. Malloy	Stamford, CT
First Selectman Woody Bliss	Weston, CT
First Selectman Michael T. Paulhus	Windham, CT
Mayor Donald S. Trinks	Windsor, CT
Selectboard members Anne Awad, Robie Hubley, Gerald Weiss, Hwei-Ling Greeney, and Robert Kusner	Amherst, MA
Mayor Thomas M. Menino	Boston, MA
Mayor Michael A. Sullivan	Cambridge, MA
Mayor John Bell	Gloucester, MA
Mayor Michael J. McGlynn	Medford, MA
Mayor Stanley Usovicz, Jr.	Salem, MA
Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone	Somerville, MA
Selectperson Jane B. Allen	Williamstown, MA
Mayor Timothy P. Murray	Worcester, MA
Town Manager Richard Davis	Farmington, ME
Mayor Jill C. Duson	Portland, ME
Mayor Bernard A. Streeter	Nashua, NH
Mayor Meryl Frank	Highland Park Borough, NJ
Mayor Fred Profeta	Maplewood, NJ
Mayor Carolyn K. Peterson	Ithaca, NY
Town Supervisor Bonnie Hundt	Amenia, NY
Town Supervisor Steven Bellone	Babylon, NY
Supervisor Lee V.A. Roberts	Bedford, NY
Town Supervisor Joan A. Pagones	Fishkill, NY

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Supervisor Jim Nordgren	Lewisboro, NY
Town Supervisor John Lombardi	North Castle, NY
Town Supervisor Dennis J. McGuire	Rhinebeck, NY
Town Supervisor Phil Cardinale	Riverhead, NY
Town Supervisor Patrick A. Heaney	Southampton, NY
Town Supervisor Linda G. Cooper	Yorktown, NY
Town Supervisor William McGintee	East Hampton, NY
Mayor Philip J. Trifiletti	Mamaroneck, NY
Mayor Drew Fixell	Tarrytown, NY
Mayor James E. Doyle	Pawtucket, RI
Mayor Peter Clavelle	Burlington, VT
Mayor Peter DesLauriers	St. Albans, VT
Mayor Clement Bissonnette	Winooski, VT