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Governor

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McConnell,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your concerns with the EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan. I respectfully disagree with your letter and would ask that states in the Midwest (and Kentucky), follow the science and take a more active effort in reducing harmful emissions, including CO₂ emissions – particularly emissions generated through coal-fired power plants. Those emissions are harming the air quality and climate of states such as New Hampshire.

In New Hampshire and throughout the Northeast, we have actively worked to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Data has shown that our collective work to reduce emissions through participation in programs like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and other policy changes have helped to reduce CO₂ emissions by more than 40 percent over the past ten years. Mass-based, market-based programs like RGGI are cost-effective, proven methods of reducing dangerous emissions, and our collective regional efforts to combat climate change would be further strengthened by other states and regions joining similar programs.

Thank you again for your letter. I sincerely hope that you will reconsider your position on the proposed Clean Power Plan and I encourage you and your colleagues in the Senate to take appropriate steps to help protect the health of our citizens, our environment and our planet.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Maggie H", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor