

Feb. 3, 2015

RE: HB208

Dear House Science, Technology and Energy Committee members and chair:

The League of Women Voters of New Hampshire strongly supports continuation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative as it was implemented in NH. RGGI addresses our concerns about the air quality impact on public health and the need to move to sustainable and renewable fuel sources.

At the federal level, the League of Women Voters has lobbied vigorously for comprehensive legislation to control global climate change by setting a cap on greenhouse gas pollution and by encouraging investment in conservation and renewable energy.

In NH the League was so proud of the state's work on RGGI and our agreement to participate. We have observed town and school district savings to taxpayers as they address problems with inefficient buildings using RGGI funds. Businesses recognize the incentives to save money.

The League of Women Voters believes that everyone benefits when the money is combined and used for energy efficiency projects. We oppose the short-sighted removal of these funds from their original purpose which supported renewable sources of energy and building efficiencies.

RGGI is not responsible for rate increases... that is the choice of the utilities providing energy. Opting out of RGGI does not save us money and the other states benefit from our departure.

We encourage you to vote HB208 Inexpedient to Legislate and keep New Hampshire moving forward with the other states in the Initiative.

Sincerely,

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