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Dear Steve and attendees of the 2016 NH Coastal Climate Summit:

Thank you all for gathering today to discuss the impacts of climate change on our coastal communities. Climate change poses a serious threat to our future, and I believe we must take action today to protect our environment. That's why I support the EPA's Clean Power Plan to reduce carbon emissions through clean energy solutions. New Hampshire has been at the forefront of efforts to reduce emissions and is already well on its way to meeting the goals of the Clean Power Plan through positive steps it has already taken as part of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. It is important we make an effort now to protect our environment to ensure we're leaving behind a better home for our children and grandchildren.

Understanding the impacts of climate change, I have supported measures recognizing the need to address climate change. Most recently, I was pleased to co-sponsor an amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations legislation which expressed that climate change is real and that humans contribute to it, and that the effects of climate change are already impacting our nation. Going forward, I will continue to my efforts to help protect our environment and climate. Thank you for everything you do for our state and I hope you have a productive summit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly".

Kelly A. Ayotte
United States Senator