

# Congress needs to lead in climate change issues

[Rick Karlin](#) reported on the risks climate change presents to snow sports industries ("Climate change a snow worry," Nov. 28).

In June, U.S. Sen. [Kelly Ayotte](#), R-N.H., discussed with a group of [Citizens' Climate Lobby](#) volunteers that climate change is hurting New Hampshire's tourism industries. She emphasized that New Hampshire's iconic moose are being killed off by tick-borne disease, and their population's decline is linked to climate change. In the fall, Ayotte announced her support for the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's](#) Clean Power Plant regulations.

The regulations are a good start on cutting emissions, but, by themselves, they aren't enough to tackle climate change. Fortunately, Sen. Ayotte along with three other Republican senators ([Mark Kirk](#), R-Ill.; [Lamar Alexander](#), R-Tenn.; and [Lindsey Graham](#), R-S.C.) founded a [Senate Energy and Environment Working Group](#) to study legislative climate policy options.

The good news is America has lots of new innovation we could be using to cut carbon emissions. We just need to encourage businesses, investors and consumers to adopt efficiency innovations and new clean energy technologies. If Congress ends fossil fuel subsidies and even charges a carbon fee for emissions, everyone will be motivated to cut their carbon footprint — whether to save money, protect winter sports, safeguard the moose, or just to do the right thing.

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