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For the Monitor

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Jasen Stock wrote “New Hampshire’s residents know what works best for them. They do not need advice from national organizations about how New Hampshire should manage renewable energy sources” (“Renewable power law is good for New Hampshire’s economy,” Monitor Forum, Dec. 1).

He should have said that New Hampshire residents do not need advice about how to manage renewable energy sources from national organizations that are founded and funded by oil tycoons who oppose renewable energy because it conflicts with their business model.

He should have said that New Hampshire residents know what works best for them and they owe it to their fellow Americans to share this information – because New Hampshire residents can see the dire effects of climate change (to their ski areas, tourist businesses, rivers, forests, maples and maple syrup industry and through the loss of river fishing, rising sea level and damage to coastal area).

New Hampshire residents owe it to themselves and to their fellow Americans to call the White House (202-456-1111) and request that President Obama give a series of weekly televised talks from now until the State of the Union address explaining why climate change is the single most important project he needs to tackle during his second term of office. He needs to explain the options for fighting climate change and he needs to reassure Americans that “Yes We Can.” He needs to shout down the oil and gas companies that are spending millions misleading the public.

He needs to explain to Americans: If not now, when?

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