

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Let me begin by expressing my admiration for the commitment you have all made to taking bold steps in the fight against climate change.

For all of us, this is a battle that must be fought on every front, from personal choices, to lessening your carbon footprint, to passing strong and effective legislation. We must all do our part, because our very future depends on it.

As a life long resident of Northern New York, I know that we live in a place of great natural beauty. And like you, I've seen the splendor and magnificence of our land suffer from acid rain and climate change. That's why I introduced H.R. 3989, the Healthy Air and Clean Water Act, this week. Both the Adirondack Council and Adirondack Mountain Club have expressed their strong support for the bill. If passed, this legislation would require the largest reductions in coal-fired power plant emissions ever, including cutting carbon emissions by 80% by 2050. These power plants are the cause of 33% of total greenhouse gas emissions, the largest contributor to climate change in this country.

I have supplied the national Step It Up 2007 organization with a video clip from the announcement of H.R. 3989, the Healthy Air and Clean Water Act. You may also access the clip [here](#) at my website, <http://mchugh.house.gov>.

Again, I applaud your efforts to raise awareness of climate change and its impact on our environment and future generations. I will continue to fight for positive change in our environmental policies.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. McHugh

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