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CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
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Robert C. Ludlow
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Mr. Ludlow,

We write with concern related to the request made by five New England states to create an executive-level environmental justice position at ISO New England. Although New Hampshire believes that ISO New England should be well-staffed to fulfill its functions, such a position would represent a wasteful expense to accommodate policy goals that fall outside of ISO New England's mandate.¹

New England must strive to achieve a reliable and affordable energy economy. We cannot lose our focus in order to accommodate policy choices designed to compel progressive societal change. That loss of focus will represent real costs to our system well beyond the ISO New England budget implications that a new executive level position would represent. We oppose ISO New England taking actions to undermine its mission of a reliable and affordable system. ISO New England has its roles, and it must concentrate on filling them effectively rather than expanding into unprecedented areas.

We are disappointed with the decisions of the other New England states to continue to prioritize expensive social policy over ratepayer affordability. When Governor Sununu met with other northeast governors in Washington DC in February, it appeared there was the universal agreement among the Governors that reliability and cost needed to be our priority. But actions speak louder than words. Unfortunately, we are afraid that we are heading down a path of only paying lip service to electric reliability and affordability while aggressively pursuing cost-raising environmental justice policies and carbon taxes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

¹ <https://www.iso-ne.com/about/what-we-do/three-roles/>



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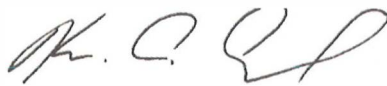
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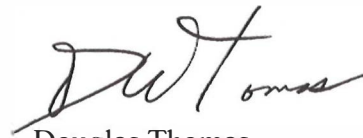
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