

# RELEASE: Governor Continues Crusade Against Renewable Energy Initiatives, Vetoing Another Energy Efficiency Bill

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## **GOVERNOR CONTINUES CRUSADE AGAINST RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVES, VETOING ANOTHER ENERGY EFFICIENCY BILL**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Governor Sununu vetoed [HB 582](#), legislation relative to the regional greenhouse gas initiative. **Representative John Mann (D-Alstead)**, sponsor of the legislation, released the following statement:

“It is clear that Governor Sununu fails to understand the ability of energy efficiency programs to reduce both energy usage and Granite Staters’ electric bills. The Governor’s continued vetoes of common sense energy legislation is stifling economic growth in our state and keeping our citizens’ electric rates among the highest in the country.”

“House Bill 582 would have increased funding for energy efficiency programs, therefore reducing energy costs for residents while allowing industrial electric customers to fund their own energy efficiency projects on their own time and on their own dime. Any incidental increase in a residential electric bill can be easily solved by replacing a few old light bulbs with LED equivalents which use 85% less power.”

“Wise investment in energy efficiency, not desperate penny-pinching, is the way to prosperity as well as a livable climate. New Hampshire sends about \$135,000,000 out of state every year to import residential heating fuel. Failure to aggressively invest in energy efficiency will keep that kind of money going to oil companies every year instead of building wealth here.”