

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

October 5, 2001

**JOIN US FOR A BRIEFING**  
**Climate Change in New England:**  
**The Regional Assessment Report and the**  
**Trans-Boundary Climate Action Plan**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2001**  
**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., SC-5**

Dear Colleague:

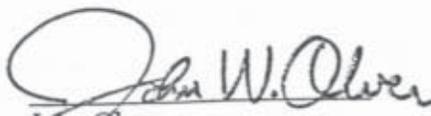
Recently, the New England states and the four eastern Canadian provinces agreed to region-wide emissions reductions that will bring them into accordance with the Kyoto Protocol. Among the agreed upon targets in this Climate Action Plan are goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2010 and to 10% below 1990 levels by 2020. Several weeks after this agreement was reached, a report on the effects of climate change in the New England region, known as the NERA report, was released as part of the National Assessment of climate change impacts on the United States. The report studied New England weather data dating back to 1895 in order to project the future climate patterns through the year 2100.

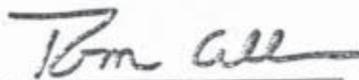
As members of GLOBE USA, we would like to personally invite you to attend an October 10<sup>th</sup> briefing to discuss these topics and their relation to national legislation. We are cosponsoring this briefing with our congressional membership organization, GLOBE USA (Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment). Representative John F. Tierney will be on hand to make opening remarks. We will be joined at the briefing by:

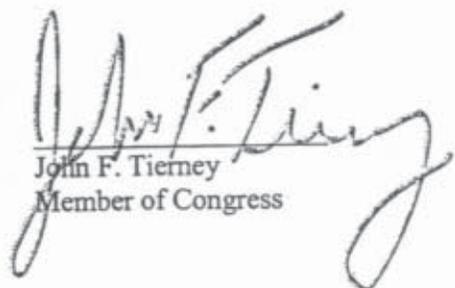
- **Dr. George Hurtt**, Research Assistant Professor & Co-Author NERA Report, University of New Hampshire;
- **Mr. John Shea**, Director of Energy & Environment Programs, New England Governor's Conference;
- **Mr. Ken Colburn**, Director, Air Resources Division, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; and
- **Mr. Chris Miller**, Professional Staff Member, Environment and Public Works Committee, United States Senate.

For additional information, please contact Matthew Weiner of Mr. Tierney's staff at (202) 225-8020.

Sincerely,

  
John Oliver  
Member of Congress

  
Tom Allen  
Member of Congress

  
John F. Tierney  
Member of Congress