



Keene Mayor and City Council
City of Keene
Keene, NH 03431

October 18, 2018

Re: Sustainable Energy Resolution for Keene

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

Bensonwood fully endorses the Sustainable Energy Resolution for the City of Keene, as presented by the Clean Energy Team of the Monadnock Progressive Alliance.

The costs of climate change -- including destabilized weather patterns, rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and other serious impacts -- now pose a substantial threat to the health, prosperity, and security of Americans. The costs are real, they are growing, and they are already burdening businesses, taxpayers, municipal budgets and families. Our economy, infrastructure, public safety, and health are directly at risk.

Prudent action taken now will be far less costly than the consequences of delayed response and will create a more stable business environment for our community.

We urge City Councilors to support the Resolution that calls for the City of Keene to create a plan for

- 100% renewable electricity by 2030, and
- 100% renewable energy for all other sectors by 2050, followed by
- The creation of a plan for how to accomplish these goals by April of 2020.

Enacting such a policy will:

- Send a clear signal to new and existing businesses to invest in the clean-energy economy.
- Protect economically disadvantaged households who are disproportionately affected by climate change.
- Create local jobs and business opportunities since renewable energy is one of the nation's fastest-growing employment sectors.
- Position Keene as a leader in renewable energy and encourage other communities to enact their own forward-thinking policies.

Sincerely,

A collection of seven handwritten signatures in blue ink, arranged in two rows. The top row contains four signatures, and the bottom row contains three. The signatures are cursive and difficult to read but correspond to the names listed in the caption below.

Tedd Benson, Kevin Bittenbender, Chris Carbone, Jay Lepple, Bob Oberlander, Hans Porschitz, and Randall Walter

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