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Mr. President Biden

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20500

March 28, 2022

Dear Mr. President Biden,

Please find attached Warrant Article 31 (by petition) which recently passed at the 2022 Town Meeting by majority vote.

The intent of this Petitioned Article is to call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction.

Per the majority vote of this Article, we are bound to inform you by written notice of the demands of your constituents within 30 days of the vote; this article is hereby communicated to you by the Board of Selectmen of Sandwich, New Hampshire.

D. Haight, Chairman

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Caroline H. Nesbitt Board of Selectmen **ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges a fee on the carbon content of fossil fuels, paid by producers and importers of fuels, and rebates the revenue collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence by rewarding energy innovation, conservation and investments in non-emitting clean energy. It aids in the economic transition for energy consumers and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019) WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety. We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Sandwich's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Sandwich's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Sandwich's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.