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**Re: Ski Industry Support for S. 342**

Dear Senators McCain and Lieberman:

We are writing to express our support for the Climate Stewardship Act, S. 342. **Seventy-one (71) ski resorts across 21 states now support the Climate Stewardship Act.** These seventy-one endorsing resorts, listed below, remain committed to raising awareness of the problem of global warming and helping apply solutions to solve it.

As you know, there are plenty of good reasons for ski resorts to be concerned about climate change and its potential impacts on winter recreation. Scientific models suggest that as warming continues, we could experience decreased snowpack, warmer nights, wetter shoulder seasons, and reduced weather predictability. All of these changes affect our industry, as fewer operating days would obviously impact our bottom line, warmer nights can impact our ability to make snow, and spring rain can wash away our base at a critical time of year for skiing and snowboarding. As diehard skiers and snowboarders, we think winter is already too short. We view climate change as a long-term problem, and want to implement reasonable, bi-partisan supported measures now to help solve it.

Ski areas have taken tremendous steps to reduce our own GHG emissions. **There are now over thirty (30) resorts supporting renewable energy by purchasing or using pollution-free green energy to run facilities and lifts.** Additionally, resorts are providing their customers the opportunity to purchase mini green tags or sign up for green energy in their homes to offset their emissions and "ski pollution free." Resorts are also applying energy-efficient green building techniques, retrofitting existing facilities to save energy, replacing inefficient compressors in snowmaking operations, using alternative fuels in resort vehicle fleets, and providing or promoting car pooling or mass transit use by guests and employees. We are a relatively small source of greenhouse gas emissions, however, and will need the help of other industries to turn this problem around. We support the Climate Stewardship Act because it will encourage major industrial emitters to invest in the most cost-effective means to reduce emissions. Over the long term, investments in efficiency should actually reduce future energy costs. While resorts and other businesses may see a small increase in their electricity rates, these costs will be manageable with periodic efficiency upgrades such as replacing outdated compressors in

snowmaking equipment. These measures will reduce the electricity and fuel bills ski resorts pay in the long run.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can do help ensure the passage of S. 342. Our contact person is Geraldine Link ((720) 963-4205 or [glink@nsaa.org](mailto:glink@nsaa.org)) at the National Ski Areas Association.

Best Regards,

**ARIZONA**

Arizona Snowbowl

**CALIFORNIA**

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort  
Dodge Ridge Ski Area  
Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain Ski Areas  
Mountain High Resort  
Northstar-at-Tahoe  
Sierra-at-Tahoe Ski Resort  
Sugar Bowl Ski Resort

**COLORADO**

Arapahoe Basin  
Aspen Highlands  
Aspen Mountain  
Beaver Creek Resort  
Breckenridge Ski Resort  
Buttermilk Mountain  
Copper Mountain Resort  
Keystone Ski Resort  
Powderhorn Resort  
Snowmass Ski Area  
Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp.  
Telluride Ski & Golf Company  
Vail Mountain  
Winter Park Resort

**IDAHO**

Bogus Basin Mountain Resort  
Lookout Pass Ski & Recreation Area  
Schweitzer Mountain Resort

**MAINE**

Sugarloaf/USA  
Sunday River Ski Resort

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Wachusett Mountain Ski Area

**MICHIGAN**

Crystal Mountain

**MONTANA**

Bridger Bowl

**NEVADA**

Heavenly Ski Resort

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Attitash Bear Peak  
Cranmore Mountain Resort  
Loon Mountain Recreation Corp.  
Waterville Valley Resort

**NEW JERSEY**

Mountain Creek

**NEW YORK**

Bristol Mountain Winter Resort  
Greek Peak Mountain Resort  
Holiday Valley Resort  
Hunter Mountain  
Peek 'n Peak Resort  
Windham Mountain

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Cataloochee Ski Area

**OREGON**

Mt. Ashland Ski and Snowboard Resort  
Mt. Bachelor  
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort and Cooper Spur Mountain Resort  
Timberline Lodge & Ski Area

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Liberty Mountain Resort  
Seven Springs  
Ski Roundtop

**UTAH**

Alta Ski Area  
The Canyons  
Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort  
Sundance Resort

**VERMONT**

Haystack Ski Area  
Killington and Pico Resorts  
Mad River Glen  
Mount Snow Resort  
Okemo Mountain Resort  
Smugglers' Notch Resort  
Stratton Mountain

**VIRGINIA**

Massanutten Ski Resort  
Wintergreen Resort

**WASHINGTON**

49° North Ski Area  
Crystal Mountain  
Mission Ridge

Stevens Pass  
The Summit at Snoqualmie

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Snowshoe Mountain Resort

**WYOMING**

Grand Targhee Resort  
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort

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