



Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
NH State House, Office of the Governor  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

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Dear Governor Sununu:

On behalf of the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire (BIA), I write to respectfully request your veto of House Bill 142, relative to the operation of the Burgess Biopower Plant, to bring energy cost relief to ratepayers.

BIA strongly opposes House Bill 142 because it would continue a ratepayer-funded subsidy for a single, private business. The subsidy is a significant additional expense on the energy bills of commercial and industrial ratepayers at a time when the cost of energy threatens New Hampshire's competitive business climate. To be clear, we do not object to the continued operation of this power plant in the competitive market and we appreciate the economic value it brings to the region. However, after \$150 million in ratepayer-funded subsidies for this plant to date, we do not believe it is prudent or good energy policy to continue down this road at the expense of ratepayers.

As the statewide chamber of commerce, our mission is to continuously advocate for economic growth in the Granite State. Requiring electric ratepayers to subsidize a business is not an effective economic development strategy for New Hampshire.

BIA respectfully requests your veto on HB 142. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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