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Thank you.

I'm running against a fellow who is pretty good at talking one way and voting another.

He says he is all about the so-called War on Terror and Homeland Security, when in fact he is New Hampshire's dark little secret: Yes, our Senator Gregg is the one who let down the gates before 9-11. He is the fellow who killed the bill that would have tracked the activities of foreign students in the US, and his campaign contributors include the trade schools that opposed the new program. That program, an immigration official said, might have made a difference on 9-11.

He also killed another program that would have tightened the security of our immigration points more generally. So he has no business running on this issue.

So he says one thing but votes another. And that is nowhere more the case than with our environment—our air and water.

Since 1993, Mr. Gregg has one of the two worst environmental records of senators from New England, according to the League of Conservation Voters. He has voted to rollback clean air and clean water laws. As a Bush Yes Man, he voted against protecting our water from arsenic, radon, and microbes, voting to prohibit the EPA from regulating arsenic in our drinking water. Amazingly he voted against increasing funding for rural clean drinking water and even personally introduced legislation to gut the Safe Drinking Water Act, and he voted to make the Act's standards voluntary.

Judd Gregg supports drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). The oil and gas industry has contributed more than \$33,000 to Judd Gregg's federal campaigns since 1991.

He voted to allow logging, mining, and road building in national forests without regard to the impact of these activities on wildlife.

He voted to eliminate most toxic chemicals from the list of toxic chemicals that industries are required to include in reporting their pollution.

Gregg voted against cleaning up brownfield toxic sites, and most remarkably, voted against making polluters pay to clean up Superfund sites. The oil and gas and chemical industries have contributed more than \$43,000 to Judd Gregg's federal campaigns since 1991. He actually co-sponsored legislation to weaken the Superfund program by exempting cleanups from meeting the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act standards, letting polluters off the hook for cleanup costs and ending the "polluter pays" principle. It also would have allowed polluters to put fences around polluted sites instead of requiring Superfund sites to be fully cleaned, and would have limited the listing of new Superfund sites and shifted cleanup costs to local and state governments.

He voted against increasing funding to repair and refurbish infrastructure at New Hampshire's (and the nation's) national parks and forests, even though the National Park System and national forests are important to New Hampshire's economy. He voted for a moratorium on the new listing of species on the Endangered Species List.

He voted against tax incentives to promote energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy sources. Despite his pro-hydrogen statements, he voted against encouraging the development of hydrogen-powered vehicles.

He voted against provisions to ensure that countries entering into free-trade agreements with the United States do not violate environmental provisions in the agreements.

I have the details of these votes by Mr. Gregg, and many other incredible Gregg votes, on GrannyD.com for your halloween horrors.

When Judd Gregg went to Congress, you could eat the fish of our streams. Now they are too poisoned by mercury. The first step in cleaning up our air and water is to clean up the mess in Washington, where big money, selfish money, sways the votes of people like Mr. Gregg, who rely on that money for their campaigns.

I take not one dollar of special interest money for my campaign, so that I am free to represent our people, our land and our water. That is the difference, and it is a very, very big difference.

Thank you.