

At the Helm

I Have, You Have, We Have A Dream

I draw inspiration from our new President of the United States to rise as one nation to meet the challenges we all face. With most of the focus these days on very the pressing issues of our economy, war, education and health care, there seems to be very little talk about restoring the environment. Our environment is at a critical point. We must begin to heal the damage that has been done and change our habits to prevent further damage from occurring. We once thought that our oceans were inexhaustible. We know different now.

As a nation, we must educate ourselves about the fact that everything we do has an impact on our environment. Even little changes can add up to big differences in the health of our environment. As a proud New Yorker, I am often embarrassed by watching many people who carelessly throw garbage out their car windows. They think that it has little effect but it does, not only to our beaches but the entire planet. That garbage eventually gets washed down into our bays, harbors and onto our beaches. Every year we cleanup tons of litter from our beaches at a cost to our society in the millions. That money could be spent on dealing with those very pressing issues of fixing the economy or developing renewable energy.

Today as we forge new alliances between communities, we must work together to form a unified stand to fix the problems of environmental destruction. I have never been more proud to be an American and I extend my hand and friendship to anyone who will join me in making a difference. Together we can make a huge difference. Won't you join our cause.