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Cc: Rep. Bennett, David A.; Rep. Phillips, Robert D.; Rep. Carson, Lauren H.
Subject: Bill H7295 is a conspiracy theorists' charter

Dear Committee members,

I watched Tuesday's discussion of the proposed bill H7295 and am frankly alarmed that such nonsense is being discussed in a state arena.

The entire bill seems to be based on the false premise that geoengineering/SRM/SAI is already carried out, which is simply an extension of the long-debunked "chemtrails" conspiracy theory.

Rachael McIntosh's testimony was based on a whole series of misunderstandings, among them:

The recent White House report does not, as she claims, talk about activities that are already being carried out. It proposes a five-year research framework, with full transparency, to identify the risks of any future geoengineering activities. To be clear, no geoengineering is currently carried out.

Ms McIntosh mentions the NOAA's CUPIDS and SABRE missions and implies that they are some kind of weather modification. This is 100% untrue. These missions involve sampling air quality to understand pollution issues.

Ms McIntosh claims that "wifi and cell towers" are part of a "ground-level infrastructure" for weather modification, something that is not only untrue but also technically impossible. Radio frequency transmissions are incapable of having any effect on the weather.

The wording of the bill encourages citizens to report "suspicious activity" to public officials by means of photographs etc. Such a bill would simply legitimize the chemtrail theory and lead to a deluge of photographs of airplane contrails being sent to these officials. (You may be aware of a conspiracy website called Geoengineering Watch, which many of these people cite. It presents the false claim that contrails in the sky are some kind of evidence of covert geoengineering or weather modification).

You may have heard of a similarly worded bill, HB1700, which was introduced in New Hampshire recently. Thankfully that bill was swiftly voted out by the New Hampshire House science committee. I trust that the RI committee will take similar action and prevent the state becoming a laughing stock by indulging conspiracy theorists. There currently seems to be a concerted effort by these people to sneak damaging legislation through!

Regards,
Colin King.