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Hi,

Last week marked the official start to Crossover Week! And that means the Senate and House are swapping bills that passed their respective chamber. A reminder of what some (of the many) harmful bills the GOP are sending over from the House:

- ✗ Allow the refusal to sell contraceptives
- 🏛️ Roll back bail reform
- 🏠 Increase local property taxes to cover GOP mismanagement of school voucher program (5000% over budget)

The Senate is also sending its fair share of harmful legislation to the House, including SB 418. This bill would create “affidavit ballots” for 1) any voter who does not present ID on Election Day or 2) is a first-time NH voter registering. By passing SB 418, the GOP is buying into disproven claims of fraud. This bill carries huge privacy concerns that could allow government officials to know who you voted for, not to mention disenfranchising groups of Granite Staters.

Despite these troublesome bills, there is still plenty to celebrate this week—a majority of the legislation I am leading made it out of the Senate and is headed to the House! 11 bills of my own, plus a couple other important

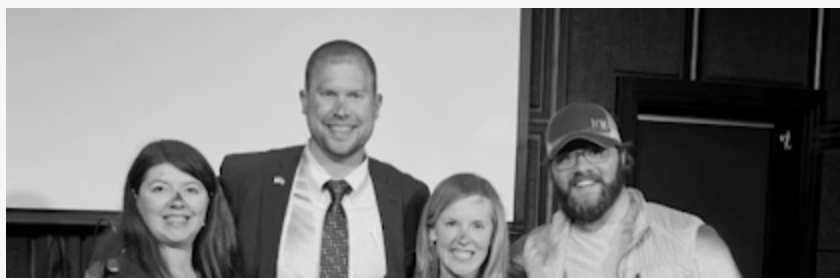
ones I have been working on. One of the key bills, the Community Housing Toolkit to increase workforce and affordable housing (SB 400), had its public hearing last Thursday.

Other bills that I am leading that passed the Senate and are making their way to the House include:

- **Extending Eviction Notices (SB 217)** to 60 days, a critical guardrail to help struggling tenants.
- **Landlord/Tenant Mediation Program (SB 216)**, which has been piloted to great success in circuit courts.
- **Expanding Access to Remote Meetings**: I have worked on a bipartisan basis to preserve this option for cities and towns.
- **Expanding Net Metering**: Allowing additional entities, such as Pease, to use the higher net metering cap agreed to for limited municipal use last year.
- **Funding for Piscataqua Turning Basin (SB 278)**, which will allocate funds to modernize our local economy by widening the turning basin.
- **Amendment to Poll Book Use (SB 364)** to best assist poll workers.
- **Commission to Study Housing Development (SB 329)**, to help study current barriers to affordable and workforce housing development.
- **NH Craft Cocktail Support Act (SB 212)**, to aid the craft liquor industry in their pandemic recovery.

Events

Save Our Granite Stages Celebration: Great turnout to celebrate \$1M in grants going LIVE! After a long day in session, I was feeling especially proud to have worked with this great group to secure well-deserved funds for our live venues.





Access to Affordable Housing Panel: I was honored to join the NewDeal Coalition to discuss how we can improve affordable housing across the country. The panel convened experts from the public, private, and non-profit sectors, highlighting how important it is that we bring all stakeholders to the table as we work to find creative, innovative solutions. Check out the full recording here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NwelqUXv4M&t=1962s>



PMCA Fundraiser: This past Friday, I had a great time celebrating Portsmouth Music and Arts Center at their rooftop fundraiser. PMCA brings music to so many in the Seacoast area, and generously contributes scholarships for students in need! Proud to support their efforts.





Looking Ahead

As a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Shaheen will be accepting both programmatic and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding requests. The deadline is April 15th—

- Programmatic requests – To submit your programmatic appropriations request to Senator Shaheen, please visit the following website:
<https://www.shaheen.senate.gov/appropriations-request>
- CDS requests – CDS requests will be collected through a separate website:
<https://oampublic.senate.gov/constituent/login/87533db3-41be-44ac-b0ca-f01e491d479b/>

Lastly, it feels like we have been fighting against GOP gerrymandering for quite some time but the process is still not over! The New Hampshire Supreme Court has [appointed a Special Master](#) to take over the Congressional redistricting. Oral arguments will be May 4th, unless the legislature acts sooner. Keep pushing your [Reps](#) and [Gov Sununu](#) to enact fairer, more balanced maps. After the procedural maneuver the GOP pulled two weeks ago on the Executive Council maps, we need to continue keeping them accountable to their constituents.

And more to come! As we head into the end of session, there is still plenty to do, but we can feel Spring coming. Here in the Kwoka household, we try to balance work and play, and get out in the sun when it's shining!





Happy Easter and Chag Sameach to those who celebrate!

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