

Hi,

Yesterday marked the last full Senate session of the term! And it had plenty of action. HB 1431, a bill that among other things would mandate "outing" students, made its way back to the Senate floor. I spoke on the floor about how detrimental this legislation would be for LGBTQ+ students. Despite this, the bill passed the Senate along party lines and headed to the House. After taking a full roll call vote, the bill FAILED!! By 5 votes! We've been on the wrong end of our fair share of close votes and it was incredibly rewarding to cap the year off with this victory.

Not only were we able to kill HB 1431, we passed the Affordable Housing Toolkit that incentivizes affordable and workforce housing development! I was proud to be part of the original task force that drafted this bill in 2019 and am excited to see this work be put into practice. For more on what this bill accomplishes, check out this article!

We certainly ended session on a couple of high notes. And a big part of sustaining our efforts is ensuring we have the funds to match it. I'll be hosting a Spring In-District Fundraiser at Loaded Question in Portsmouth on Thursday, June 2nd from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. You can RSVP here. We must carry this energy with us into the Fall and it starts in our communities.



Events Recap

#BanOffOurBodies and Rapid Response Fundraiser: As I'm sure it has for many of you, the impending Roe decision has been on the forefront of my mind. After falling one vote short, we've been working hard. That weekend, I joined Senator Hassan, Senator Sherman and others for the #BanOffOurBodies rally in Portsmouth. Folks from across the state made their voices heard, some being so courageous as to share their own abortion stories. Then the

following week, the NH Senate Dems and I hosted a rapid response fundraiser. I've been so heartened to see so many folks show up to demand the reproductive rights we are entitled to. This is exactly what it will take to secure the Majority and codify our rights for good.

New Hampshire Women's Foundation Gala: I had a great time last week celebrating an amazing group of Granite State women! I was especially inspired by Riyah Patel who was awarded the Trailblazer Award for her work with refugee youth. The future is bright and I'm excited to be a part of it!

The New Deal Conference in Philly! Earlier this week, I had the honor of co-hosting the conference's Creating a Clean Energy Economy panel to discuss bold solutions to address the climate crisis. It was so much fun to be a part of such an accomplished group. I was especially inspired by New Deal alum and Head of Broadband for NTIA who spoke about the goal to connect every American, about how there's \$5M available to states for planning and \$42B to pull down in funding, plus additional amounts for equity projects. The prospect of delivering these services to every single American is not only exciting, but deeply possible!





Looking Ahead

The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee recently ranked New Hampshire's legislature as one of the best opportunities for Democrats to make meaningful gains in 2022! As we have already seen, there is so much at stake—from abortion, to LGBTQ rights, to urgent climate and affordable housing needs. But over the past few weeks, we've also seen the power of coming together over a shared vision for the future. There is a lot to be optimistic about as we head into 2022.







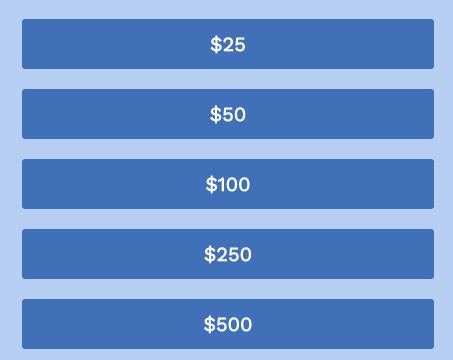


Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

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