

REBECCA PERKINS **KWOKA** **STATE SENATE**

Hi,

Happy July 4th.

This July 4th feels slightly complicated - my country, which I love, is acting in some ways that I don't believe in. I'm scared of this Supreme Court, scared of the results of the midterms.

But I do love this place. I love those warm summer evenings, gathering with friends for a barbecue, watching my kids on a playground. Strolling through downtown and running into friends. Living in a place where I, as a girl from Stratham, can get involved and make a difference - in the City, in the State. It matters. Because when we all are involved in the discussion of how we govern, we do a pretty good job. Better than most places on the planet.

This American experiment is in a time of challenge. That does not change my love for it, but it does change my determination. This place is worth fighting for. It is worth giving up hours each day, each month, each year, to show it that I care, that I'm still here fighting - that I know what this place can be, and I want to push it towards that place. Through time. Through setbacks. Through those who can't see it - I can, and I know where we can go.

Ultimately, so many of us agree on so much. Our ideas may in some cases be different. But we must show respect, and

as women in America right now we do not feel respected. As our communities of color have not - and continue to not - for so long. We have to fix this. We want to fix this. So many I know desperately want this to be a place where we all just live - go about our days, be kind, thrive. Be a community. Respect each other.

But we're going to need to work to get back there. It's going to take a fight. We need to reclaim what's ours, and we need to do it not through division, or avoidance, or leaving. We must lean in - on America, on each other, on freedom.





Portsmouth Pride

As usual, our Pride parade was amazing! I was not able to make it this year as I was traveling with my family, but the turnout means more than ever this year. The Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* attacked the Constitutional right to privacy under the 14th amendment. This is the same right which protect same sex marriage pursuant to *Obergefell*. While the Court has not acted on same sex marriage yet, their sweeping new decisions on Dobbs and other subjects makes me fearful they will next term - and fearful for my family. New Hampshire has protected same sex marriage at the state level, but without Constitutional protection - just like our right to choose - that right can be altered by federal law.


Independence Day Events

What's made this Independence Day weekend sweet for me is seeing how New Hampshire is using their freedoms to advocate for what they believe in; that's what patriotism looks like to me.

And the naturalization ceremony in Strawberry Banke is always amazing; if you did not join this year, try to make it next year - it is such a heartwarming moment to welcome our newest Americans!

Seat at the Table Endorsement


I was recently endorsed by Representative Annie Kuster! Her 'Seat at the Table' endorsements recognize pro-choice, Democratic women on the ballot in New Hampshire this fall. As we all process the recent cluster of harmful Supreme Court decisions, it is more important than ever that New Hampshire elect a coalition of thoughtful, kind, and knowledgeable public servants this year to protect our rights under the Seat at the Table Endorsement. In our state, the women Annie endorsed are on a trajectory to do just that.



A Seat at the Table
Annie Kuster endorses pro-choice, Democratic women to lead New Hampshire

You may have heard the expression from women leaders, **"If you don't have a seat at the table, you may be on the menu."** Nowhere is this more apparent than in the debate over women's autonomy and reproductive rights here in New Hampshire.

I started 'A Seat at the Table' to help **elect pro-choice, Democratic women** in New Hampshire to fight for the rights of women and girls in our state. In the wake of the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade and revoking women's constitutional right to an abortion, it's never been more important to elect pro-choice leaders in the Granite State. The 2022 candidates will give voice to women across New Hampshire, and the men who love them, fighting to protect and preserve our reproductive rights, livelihoods, families, health, well-being and safety, and environment.

**ENDORSED**

I endorse these Democratic women to stand up, speak out and take a seat at the table to fight for a better future for all of us.

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In November, New Hampshire voters have a clear choice to take a stand for reproductive rights, equal pay, safe schools, paid family leave, affordable child care and health care, access to mental health care and addiction treatment, ending sexual and domestic violence, and saving our planet.



Looking Ahead

These have been hard days. There has been a lot of division and anger in our day to day lately; as we see the aftermath of Roe v. Wade, we are assessing the other harmful Supreme Court decisions and federal actions that our state will need to protect against. [The Court](#) rolled back the ability of federal agencies, like the Environmental Protection Agency, to make rules in its policy sphere, reducing their power, and struck down a long-standing New York law requiring a special need to carry a weapon in public. These decisions make the 2022 election even more vital, because New Hampshire needs a State Senate and House that will protect our safe, healthy, and long-term way of life against changes we know are otherwise coming.

Thank you - as always, but especially right now - for being a part of this community and supporting the work I do. If you're looking to do more, please reach out! In our next newsletters, we will highlight campaigns to support and ways to get involved to elect Democrats this fall, as well as directly coordinating with those campaigns to send volunteers and support.

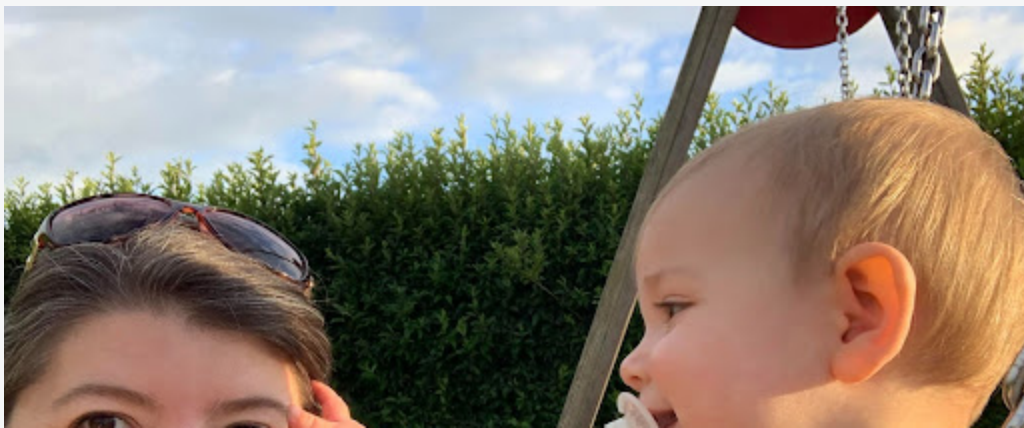
And of course, I want to share some vacation pictures! I hope your July is bringing you as much joy as this swingset brought Colby.

Take Care,

Rebecca

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