

Hi.

Spring is here and that means things are heating up in Concord. We've had some great news with the defeat of HB 417 (defining gender-affirning care as child abuse) and HB 10, the so-called "parental bill of rights" that would have endangered our LGBTQ youth.

We also saw one of my major bills, Housing Champions (SB 145), not only pass the Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support but receive further unanimous approval in the Finance Committee. As Senator Whitley and I wrote about this week, affordable housing and childcare go hand-in-hand to supporting our working families and small businesses. They are the bedrock of creating a younger, more diverse

MOMnibus (SB 175) is another key piece to this puzzle which passed the Senate and would improve maternal and infant health outcomes as well as expand support in the workforce. It has been especially gratifying to see these two crucial bills receive such strong bipartisan support. And I'm proud of our efforts in the minority to put together this mosaic of policy solutions that will go such a long way in ensuring Granite States, current and future, can thrive.

## **Events**

## League of Conservation Voters (LCV) Event

Enjoyed my time speaking about the future of our energy plans here in New Hampshire at the morning's Maple Breakfast. I am so grateful for everyone I met, and a big thank you to LCV for hosting this event and for all the work that they do!



## AmeriCorps Panel

On March 17th, I brought Logan up to Concord to speak at AmeriCorps Civil Engagement Panel. My time in the PeaceCorps was formative and continues to inform my service back home. And it was so wonderful to learn about the experiences of my fellow panel members!





## **Housing Caucus**

It was great to see folks last week for our monthly Housing Caucus meeting. We heard from several folks doing important issues on the housing front including Ben Frost of NH Housing and Jennifer Goodman of the NH Preservation Alliance. We also discussed HB 117 and the harmful impacts it would have on renters.

### Lee Caucus

Congratulations to the 2023-24 officers of the Lee Democrats! It was create be a part of the caucus meeting and to hear about the great work Lee has planned. And they are soliciting feedback from Lee Dems on future events to plan—leave them a note <a href="here">here</a> if you have any ideas!

#### Portsmouth Caucus

The Portsmouth Caucus meeting was a success! A huge congrats to our new officers and thank you to everyone who attended, truly had a great time.



# Looking Forward

While we've been able to defeat the majority of anti-LGBTQ there is still more to do! We need folks to testify and sign-in here against SB 272, the Senate's version of the parental bill of rights. And join 603Equality, the New Hampshire Youth Movement, and the New Hampshire Council of Churches this Tuesday, April 18th at 9:00 AM at the State house. For more information, check out their Facebook page here.

In district, there are several exciting town Democratic committee meetings coming up. Caucus meetings are a great opportunity to engage with your local organization as we gear up for 2024! Below is the information for caucus meetings this week:

- New Castle Wednesday, March 29th at 7; RSVP to tmahernh@gmail.com for location
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  Newington Thursday, March 30th at 7; RSVP to NewingtonNHDems@gmail.com

Lastly, all is well on our home front. Logan and I had a "working" snow day together and the fam took a trip to the Blueberry Hill Sugar House. Enjoy some of the pictures of our time together.















Best,

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