

# REBECCA PERKINS KWOKA STATE SENATE


Hi,


As April comes to an end, it is important that we all stand up to ensure the safety of our Granite Staters. With the recent act of violence that took place in Portsmouth, we need to remind ourselves that hate will never be tolerated here in the beautiful state of New Hampshire.

The past two weeks have been filled with events and bill hearings that I am very happy to share with all of you.


## Prime bill hearings in the House


Well, 12 of my 17 bills got out of the Senate! Being in the minority, this meant all 12 received bipartisan support, and now I am working on those bills over in the House. Some hearings we had in the last two weeks:


 **Housing Bill (SB-47):** As the housing crisis continues, it is crucial that we look ahead to the next generation of policy solutions to ensure everyone has access to a home. This legislation will allow study to address the barriers associated with density and housing affordability.


 **Solar Bill (SB 161):** With an 18-2 vote out of committee, SB 161 will allow for the expansion of low-moderate income community solar projects -- reducing carbon emissions, while increasing property value.

 **Newington Railway Depot Bill (SB 258):** This bill will create an exception for the disposal of highway or turnpike-funded real estate under fair market value for the preservation of public interest.

 **Town Council (SB 111):** Under this legislation, Newmarket and Durham's structure of town councils will be treated on equal footing to city councils.

 **IVF Cost Study (SB 198):** This bill would take the first step towards allowing same-sex couples equal access to insurance coverage of IVF by studying the cost.

 **Parentage (SB 264):** With a 20-0 vote out of committee, our parentage bill is headed to the House floor on consent! This bill would expand our assisted reproduction statute to be more inclusive of.

 **Fort Constitution (SB 103):** This bill would name the "Fort Constitution Days" to acknowledge the first actions of the American Revolution here in New Castle.

## Budget

As mentioned in my last newsletter, the Budget is here! It came over to the Senate in early April, and had its public hearings May 2nd, at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm. We even saw some of our littlest constituents come in support of childcare! If you're interested, re-watch at the link below.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hrh3neq6Sc>

## MomsCaucus Press Conference and SubCommittee Meetings

On May 3rd, Maternal Mental Health Day, I spoke on behalf of MomsCaucus to highlight the importance of having women in office to enact policies that support moms' mental health. Women are statistically more likely to support policies that address family issues, and remain underrepresented in elected office!





### Meeting with Moms Demand Action

Also on May 3rd, I had the opportunity to sit and collaborate with Moms Demand Action, a group of educators who are speaking with their elected officials to let them know they support action to end gun violence here in New Hampshire. I truly appreciated the chance to brainstorm the challenge before us, especially in the wake of the recent events in Portsmouth. We all hold our children dear, and we can never allow the normalization of threats on their safety anywhere, but especially in an environment as sacred as school.



### Art show at Great Bay Community College

I attended an art show at Great Bay Community College to support my friend Drew - one of the most talented people I know! Art always finds a way to promote liveliness and we had fun interacting with his pieces.







Counsel or a small renewables firm. The number of women in the field is growing tremendously, and it was amazing to hear the experience and stories of the awardees.

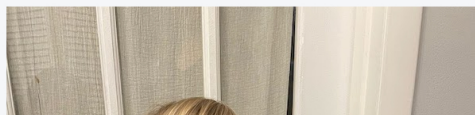


### NHWF Gala

The New Hampshire Women's Foundation Gala is always a great time! Fun to hang out with all of the amazing women in New Hampshire who are part of this work and spend a little social time.



Lastly, enjoy these pictures of my kiddos having fun at the barn, and who doesn't like hot chocolate!









Best,  
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