

REBECCA PERKINS KWOKA STATE SENATE

Hi,

🍂 Happy October!

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the beautiful fall season. As the weather begins to cool, the legislative session is starting to heat up in the Granite State!

It's official- the legislative session is underway! Recently I've been spending my days on Zooms and calls trying to get my package of bills together!

A lot has happened since the last time I spoke with you, and I can't wait to fill you in!

As promised in my last newsletter, I wanted to give you an update on some of the recent developments and initiatives we have been working on for the upcoming legislative session!

📅 2023 Legislation:

I am excited to announce some of the legislation that I have been working on for this year. Our bills must be filed on October 12th, so be on the lookout for updates in the coming months!

🏠 Housing:

- Potential changes to zoning procedures
- Tax credit for office conversion
- Allowing for below market rate units to be required by zoning

⚡ Energy:

- Advancing grid modernization to make smart utility investments recoverable costs

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Working Families:

- 🏠 Allowing the ability to work from home to count toward unemployment benefits eligibility: In today's technology-driven world, the traditional structure of work has drastically changed. With the rise of remote work and the increasing flexibility that technology provides, it is crucial to adapt our policies to accommodate these shifts. Allowing individuals who work from home to qualify for unemployment benefits ensures that they are not disadvantaged simply because they have chosen to work remotely.
- Protecting PTO postpartum

👩‍⚕️ Reproductive Rights:

- Protecting existing rights, including anticipating attacks across state lines and on needed medications

🏳️‍🌈 LGBTQ+ issues:

- Including IVF in maternity leave
- Reviewing adoption forms

Diversity:

- 🗓️ Making Juneteenth a state holiday: I consider this a vital step towards honoring the historical significance and importance of this day. By establishing Juneteenth as a state holiday, we can acknowledge the importance of this milestone in our nation's history and ensure that it is properly commemorated each year.

📌 What's New:

💡 NHDES Electric Charging Program

On October 4th, The NHDES hosted two virtual listening sessions to receive input from the public about the development of a new electric vehicle charging grant program. The sessions were recorded and posted to their website if you want to take a look.

Link to the NHDES website: <https://www.des.nh.gov/>

📍 Rockingham Nursing Home Visit

This past week I visited the Rockingham County nursing home, where I learned that the facility has been facing significant challenges due to staffing shortages. As a result,

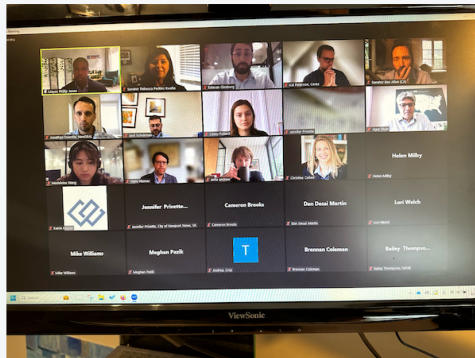
they were forced to close 50 beds.

While I was there, we discussed creative solutions to face the problems of housing and recruitment, but this is a long-term challenge that isn't just facing this industry, but many others as well. Considering the growing demand for long-term care, it is crucial that we come up with viable solutions to address these issues to ensure that residents receive the best care that they can. I am committed to working diligently to find innovative ways to tackle challenges faced by businesses, including staffing shortages and closures.



✓ NewDeal Meeting

Last week, I had the privilege of co-chairing a NewDeal Climate Policy Group meeting. Our primary focus was on the Domestic Content tax credit program, a crucial part of the Inflation Reduction Act. This program aims to boost domestic manufacturing and promote a greener economy. During the session, we hosted Director Shah from the DOE Loan Program Office, who provided valuable insights and loan funds to support these initiatives. It's clear that investing in green energy and the green economy is essential for the future of not only our community but our nation as well.



Housing For All Roundtable

I had a fantastic time participating in the Housing For All roundtable organized by United Way at Great Bay Community College. It was a wonderful opportunity for us, as policymakers, to actively listen to the successes and challenges currently facing the housing syndicate. This valuable insight will enable us to come up with innovative solutions. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces joining in on the discussion. Overall, it truly was an enriching experience!



NHDP Convention

I recently had the pleasure of attending the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention. The Convention was both an educational and cheerful event, and it was so great to catch up with many friends!





👶 The Kiddos!

New baby Madison is keeping busy studying important topics!



All the best,

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