

Dear fellow and future colleagues in the New Hampshire state government:

We are running for office because New Hampshire is ready for bold commitments to our democracy. Here in New Hampshire, we have a long and proud tradition of democracy in action. From our citizen legislature to our First in the Nation primary to our same day voter registration, our system allows for many Granite State voices to be heard.

But many voices are not all voices. For too many, the system is broken. Democracy remains beyond reach.

We write to you today to make clear that we are determined to reform a system broken by dark money, political gerrymandering, undue burdens on the right to vote. We seek to restore New Hampshire's leading role in defending and promoting the fundamentals of our democracy.

As we run to represent the people of New Hampshire, we commit ourselves to put forth and fight for a bold democracy agenda. We share Granite Staters' frustration over the role of corporate and LLC money in our politics. We are all too familiar with the sort of political gerrymandering which results in the dragon district of Executive Council District 2, and the Belknap county State House districts that meet only at a point in the middle of a lake. We applaud the sincere efforts made this session to address many of these issues. We regret that Governor Sununu chose to veto these bills rather than embrace the nonpartisan spirit in which they were offered.

Our legislature and Governor need to make sure everyone knows how vital these reforms are to a healthy democracy in New Hampshire. Without them, our government will be unable to fulfill our responsibilities to the public. These reforms are necessary precursors to addressing our most pressing challenges, such as lowering the costs of health care and prescription drugs, tackling the opioid crisis and improving access to mental health care, strengthening our underfunded public education system, fighting for clean water and clean air, combating climate change, and building an economy that prioritizes working families. Democracy reforms must pass in 2021 to allow progress on these and other issues.

We are committed to:

- closing contribution loopholes to decrease the influence of big donors and corporations on campaigns and quashing the political influence, real or perceived, that special interests currently have in our government;
- ending the unjust and divisive practice of political gerrymandering that currently allows the undemocratic practice of politicians picking their voters, rather than ensuring that voters fairly choose their representatives;
- allowing eligible Granite Staters easy and readily accessible voter registration, and the ability to easily check and update their registration status online;
- creating permanent infrastructure to allow voters to vote absentee without an excuse, or to continue to vote in person as many Granite Staters have always done;
- prohibiting corporations with business before the General Court or Executive Council from making political contributions to elected officials whose votes affect these corporations' bottom line;

- increasing transparency and disclosure of all original sources of political spending that tries to influence votes, including updating all online filing and reporting webpages; and
- removing, once and for all, the deliberate barriers that prevent thousands of Granite Staters from freely and fairly exercising their right to vote.

When New Hampshire trusts Democrats with the reins of government this November, we commit to create a democracy that works for everyone – not just for big donors and special interests. We will fight to restore trust in our government. New Hampshire has always been a leader in American democracy, and it is time to renew our commitment to that leadership.

Signed,

<b>Sen. Dan Feltes</b> (Governor)	<b>Sen. Melanie Levesque</b> (SD-12)	<b>Rep. Kris Schultz</b> (Merrimack-18)
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<b>Sen. Cindy Rosenwald</b> (SD-13)	<b>Becky Whitley</b> (SD-15)	<b>Joshua Bourdon</b> (SD-19)
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