

### **Free and Fair Elections Voter Protection Plan:**

New Hampshire is the epicenter of the national Republican effort to corrupt our democracy by suppressing constitutionally eligible voters. Just last week, national voting rights lawyer and leader Marc Elias pointed out in his “Democracy Docket” that New Hampshire is yet again ground zero for the student voting rights battle in our country. Whether it was fighting successfully against SB 3 or advocating for safe voting reforms, we know we all must be ready to fight against these bills while also making sure expanded access to voting, including through absentee ballots, is protected for every voter.

It is incumbent upon the Democratic Party to be omnipresent in the voting rights space to fight back against Republican efforts to corrupt our elections by selecting their voters, ensure every voter can participate in our democracy, and that as many polling locations are fully staffed with poll watchers and workers.

Free and fair elections are the bedrock of our democracy and our party must do everything it can to protect voting rights.

In order to accomplish this, my vision for the future of voter protection in the NHDP is as follows:

#### **Hire Full time Voter Protection Director:**

- Hire full time “Voter Protection” director in Q3 of 2021 or not later than Q1 of 2022 to be the NHDP’s voice on all voter protection and voting rights programming
- Director would focus exclusively on building relationships with local and state election officials, tracking legislation that impacts election administration and procedures to ensure up to date information is shared, and for managing volunteer voter protection attorneys
- Assists with building body of work for any possible legal challenges
- Responsible for working in conjunction with local committees, candidates, and party leaders to develop simple educational materials to be disseminated out so that voting laws are widely understood and our messaging is consistent.
- Act as liaison to New Hampshire Campaign for Voting Rights and other national partners

#### **Activate Volunteer Voter Protection Attorneys:**

- Strengthen the Volunteer Voter Protection Attorneys, an active group of lawyers usually deployed to ensure voting rights are protected at the polls, is larger, and better trained than ever before
- Expand and organize the Volunteer Voter Protection Attorneys for the 2021 city elections.
- Deploy legal observers for local elections in all cities and top target towns

#### **Maintain and Grow VoteInNH.Org**

- With over 50,000 clicks to VoteInNH.org in 2020, the NHDP became the “go to” resource for accurate, up to date voting information during the 2020 election with the voter protection website as the main resource to get information out quickly.
- This website should continue to serve as the core educational resource for voters and organizers, and should be updated with relevant information for any possible changes to election administration or procedures.
- Provide candidates and organizations with simple voting messaging, especially relative to location in the state (i.e. campuses, high percentage renter communities, etc) to ensure literature, mail, and digital materials are accurate.

#### **Build Strong Relationships with Local Election Officials and Ensure All Local Positions Filled**

- County and town committees will work with the Voter Protection team to ensure all election staffing positions are filled with qualified observers to ensure smooth election day operations.
- Continue and expand the local ballot inspector program that resulted in the appointment of 1,131 ballot inspectors across the state 2020.
- Ensure strong relationships and communication in advance of elections allowing for a smoother election day