

## **Open Letter in Support of Molly Kelly for Governor**

We write to offer our enthusiastic endorsement of Molly Kelly to be the next governor of New Hampshire. Many of us worked with Molly when she served in the New Hampshire Senate. We know her strong values, her enduring work ethic and her remarkable ability to make a difference for people.

As a state senator, Molly consistently stood up for public schools and students, jobs and skills training, women's rights, marriage equality, common sense gun safety measures, and many other issues important to hardworking New Hampshire families. She has a track record of getting things done.

Further, her personal story is an inspiration to us all. As a single mother raising three children, she worked her way through Keene State College, waiting tables at a pizza place and delivering newspapers in rural New Hampshire so she could put food on the table. She knows what it's like to worry about her future. Molly also worked her way through Franklin Pierce Law Center before working as a financial advisor, helping families create budgets and ensure they could take care of their families.

With Molly's leadership as Governor, imagine what we could accomplish together. We would make paid family medical leave a reality. We would invest in job training and workforce development. We would strengthen public education to ensure every child can get the education they need to thrive in our state. We could and would work together to help secure the future for all the people of our state.

Governor Sununu is taking New Hampshire in the wrong direction. Instead of giving corporations hundreds of millions of dollars in tax breaks, we should be helping working families make ends meet. Instead of pushing for school vouchers that will take money from public schools and increase taxes, or gun laws that make schools less safe, we should be investing in our students and protecting their future. And instead of suppressing the vote of young people, we should be encouraging their engagement in our democracy.

At a time when New Hampshire faces critical challenges and our current Governor works for policies that threaten the future of our state, we support Molly Kelly and commit to doing everything we can to help her win in this critical election for the future of New Hampshire.

## Sincerely,

Senator Peter Burling, District 5, 2004-2008

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, District 20, 1998-present

Senator Betsi DeVries, District 18, 2006-2010

Senator Dan Feltes, District 15, 2014-present

Senator Joe Foster, District 13, 2002-2008

**Senator Peggy Gilmour**, District 12, 2008-2010, 2012-2014

Senator Bev Hollingworth, District 24, 1990-1994, 1996-2002, President of the Senate, 1999-2000

**Senator Jay Kahn**, District 10, 2016-present

Senator Sylvia Larsen, District 15, 1994-2014, President of the Senate, 2006-2010

Senator Bette Lasky, District 13, 2008-2010, 2012-present

Senator Mandy Merrill, District 21, 2008-2012

Senator Deb Reynolds, District 2, 2006-2010

Senator Rick Trombly, District 7, 1998-2000, NEA-NH Executive Director, 2012-present

Senator David Watters, District 4, 2012-present

Senator Katie Wheeler, District 21, 1996-2002

Senator Jeff Woodburn, District 1, 2012-present, Minority Leader, 2014-present