



State of New Hampshire

GENERAL COURT

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May 14, 2021

Senator Maggie Hassan
324 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hassan,

This letter is to invite you to attend the New Hampshire House Election Law Committee hearing on May 19th, 2021 to discuss the implications of a pending amendment which would assert the State of New Hampshire's authority to conduct its own elections and to verify certain claims in relation to S.1 and H.R.1 the so called "For the People Act of 2021".

You said in your appearance on WMUR on April 11th, 2021 that this act would not change the way New Hampshire runs its elections. However the facts do not seem to align with that statement.

We are specifically concerned that S.1 and H.R.1 would impact New Hampshire's elections by:

1. Permitting ballot harvesting by allowing third party groups to collect absentee ballots 10 days after the election.
2. Banning any voter ID requirement at the polls.
3. Prohibiting State Election Officials from participating in federal elections.
4. Forcing the state to adopt automatic voter registration for those who do not wish to do so.
5. Granting felons the right to vote the moment they leave prison and before they have completed their sentence.
6. Create taxpayer funded elections and campaigns by matching 600% of certain funds donated, further empowering out-of-state voices in our elections.
7. Violating Article 7 of the New Hampshire Constitution by forcing unaccountable bureaucrats to draw the Congressional districts over the elected officials that Granite Staters have chosen and impugning State sovereignty.

There is a very large and real concern by many committee members that this law amounts to federal overreach and you have indicated your support of the legislation. Therefore, we are asking you attend the hearing on May 19th (you may do so remotely) and explain what the Committee is missing, how these laws would impact New Hampshire, and why New Hampshire should not have full control over its electoral process.

Sincerely,

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