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Officers of the New Hampshire Democratic Party

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With the 2020 elections (mostly) in our rear-view mirror, it is time to start thinking about the future. There is good news from these elections for NH Democrats: We contributed 4 electoral college votes to the Joe Biden win, and sent all of our federal office-holders back to DC to represent us. We all should be proud of that

At the state level, though, the news is quite grim. We lost our majority in all three levers of power that we held before the election (the Executive Council, and both chambers of the Legislature). This would be bad in and of itself as far as policy progress over the next two years is concerned. However, being a census year, this clean sweep out of power means that we will likely need to contend with another ten years of GOP-gerrymandered districts that we have no control or influence over drawing. This is the nightmare scenario come to pass. Yet, the dichotomy between our federal success and our state drubbing suggests there is something to learn in these events.

As active members of the NH Democratic party, representing County and Town Executive Committees, we have a compelling interest in making sure the NH party understands what went wrong in this election at the state level, and what we need to do differently going forward. As such, we call on the NHDP to form a broadly representative, independently led, and fully transparent task-force to perform a thorough post-mortem on all of the factors that influenced this adverse outcome, so that we can use its findings and recommendations to build our go-forward strategy and tactics. Such an effort must include, at minimum:

- A quantitative understanding (based on polling, focus groups, data analysis, etc) of what influenced voter choices in the election and where we failed to align with these choices
- How effectively we executed in alignment from the top of the ticket to the bottom, including strategy, messaging, spending, and coordinating tactics
- An evaluation of our recent legislative strategy, and how that may have affected voter perceptions of our party and candidates
- An understanding of where funds came from, where they were expended and what return was received on these investments

Many of the undersigned would be eager to help NHDP by participating on this task-force, but we also expect we may need professional assistance. We stand ready to pitch in and help, so that we never again suffer a repeat of this horrific outcome in our lifetimes.

Sincerely,

We 45 (and growing) Undersigned members of the NH Democratic Party

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Amy Metcalf	Hopkinton Town Chair
Anne Dowling	Canterbury Town Chair
Ann Garland	Grafton - Upper Valley County Chair
Beth Nelson	Derry Town Chair
Bill McKay	Tamworth Town Chair
Blair Moffett	Wolfeboro Town Chair
Brian Bresnahan	Coos County Chair Northumberland Town Chair
Christine Thompson	Jackson Town Chair
Daniel Veilleux	Amherst Town Chair
Deb Nelson	Hanover/Lyme Town Chair
Edith Tucker	Randolph Town Chair
Eleanor Cochrane	Hancock Town Chair
Ellen Clement	Westmoreland Town Chair
Ellin Leonard	Conway Town Chair
Emmet Soldati	Somersworth Town Chair
Ginnie Gavrin	Marlborough Town Chair
Jeff Dickler	Rindge Town Chair
John Haley	Greenfield Town Chair
Karen Dewey	Newport Town Chair
Ken Cohen	Kensington Town Chair
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Mike Machanic	Grafton - Plymouth County Chair
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