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NH SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES 83 CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE

Environmental Champions Praised

CONCORD, NH—Today, the New Hampshire Chapter of the Sierra Club has released its list of carefully selected candidate endorsements for Governor, Executive Council, State Senate and State House of Representatives. The Chapter endorsements include 65 NH State Representatives, 14 State Senators, 3 Executive Councilors and a Gubernatorial candidates. Of the total 83 endorsed candidates, each has expressed concern for the New Hampshire environment supporting action on climate solutions, public land protections, and the impacts of pollution on human health.

“New Hampshire Sierra Club is pleased to announce the official endorsements for election of these Environmental Champions,” said Jim Allmendinger, the Political Committee Co-Chair for the New Hampshire Sierra Club.

“These candidates are our best hope for preserving clean air and clean water; protecting the wild places of New Hampshire, and promoting a sustainable clean energy future,” continued Allmendinger. “The incumbents worked hard to defend against the radical climate change denying conservative agenda that threatened to dismantle smart, popular energy programs and other successful state programs. The new candidates showed their support for key environmental issues facing the state, using creative problem solving techniques that will move New Hampshire toward a more progressive clean energy future.”

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The Sierra Club's members are over 2.1 million of your friends and neighbors with over 10,000 in New Hampshire. Inspired by nature, we work together to protect our communities and the planet. The Sierra Club is America's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization.

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“New Hampshire Sierra Club endorsed these candidates based on responses to an in-depth questionnaire, voting record, and history of environmental involvement. The New Hampshire Sierra Club endorsement list will be distributed to the Sierra Club Members in the state online and in the mail. Members will be encouraged to volunteer and support the various campaigns in a vigorous state-wide member to member outreach program.”

The list of all of the state endorsed candidates and available quotations are included here.

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New Hampshire Environmental Champions for Governor, Executive Council, and State Senate

Governor

Colin Van Ostern, Concord

Executive Council

District 2: Andru Volinsky

District 3: Beth Roth

District 5: Dan Weeks

State Senate

Name:	Last Name	Senate District #:	Town:
Jeff	Woodburn	1	Whitefeild
Charlie	Chandler	2	Warren
John	White	3	Wolfeboro Falls
David	Watters	4	Dover
Martha	Hennessey	5	Hanover
Joe	Casey	6	Rochester
Roger	Tilton	11	Milford
Peggy	Gilmour	12	Hollis
Dan	Feltes	15	Concord
Nancy	Fraher	17	Chichester
Kristi	St Laurent	19	Windham
Martha	Fuller Clark	21	Portsmouth
Alexis	Simpson	23	Exeter
Tom	Sherman	24	Rye

New Hampshire Sierra Club endorses the following candidates for the NH House

Belknap County

District 2 - **Lisa Dimartino** (Gilford, Meredith)
District 3 - **Liz Merry** (Laconia Wards 1-6)
District 4 - **Rich Burke; Ian Raymond** (Sanbornton, Tilton)

Carroll County

District 1 - **Erik Corbett** (Bartlett, Hart's Location, Jackson)
District 2 - **Syndi White** (Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Hale's Location)
District 6 - **Charlene Seibel** (Wolfeboro)

Cheshire County

District 9 - **Douglas Ley** (Dublin, Harrisville, Jaffrey, Roxbury)

Grafton County

District 8 - **Suzanne Smith** (Hebron, Holderness, Plymouth)
District 11 - **Timothy Josephson** (Canaan, Dorchester, Wentworth)
District 15 - **Rachael Booth** (Bath, Benton, Easton, Haverhill, Landaff, Orford, Piermont, Warren)

Hillsborough County

District 1 - **Gilman Shattuck** (Antrim, Hillsborough, Windsor)
District 2 - **Aaron Gill** (Deering, Weare)
District 4 - **Carol R. Roberts** (Francestown, Greenville, Lyndeborough, Wilton)
District 17 - **Mark MacKenzie; Timothy J. Smith** (Manchester Ward 10)
District 19 - **Bob Backus** (Manchester Ward 12)
District 21 - **Brenda E. Grady** (Merrimack)
District 23 - **Frank Emmick** (Milford)
District 26 - **Gale Toale Taylor** (Brookline, Mason)
District 28 - **Sylvia E. Gale; Jan Schmidt** (Nashua Ward 1)
District 31 - **Amelia Keane** (Nashua Ward 4)
District 35 - **David B. Lisle** (Nashua Ward 8)
District 37 - **Paul Moriarty; Alejandro Urrutia** (Hudson, Pelham)
District 38 - **Richard D. McNamara** (Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, Greenfield, Greenville, Hancock, Hillsborough, Lyndeborough, Wilton, Windsor)
District 43 - **Chris Herbert** (Manchester Wards 4-7)

Merrimack County

District 2 - **Ruth Bowley; Scott A. Burns** (Franklin Ward 1-2, Hill)
District 3 - **Carolee Longley; Deborah H. Wheeler** (Franklin Ward 3, Northfield)
District 10 - **David Luneau; Mel Myler** (Concord Ward 5, Hopkinton)
District 11 - **Steve Shurtleff** (Concord Ward 1)
District 19 - **Christy Bartlett** (Concord Ward 10)
District 20 - **David Doherty** (Chichester, Pembroke)
District 24 - **Marcy Rothenberg** (Hooksett)
District 25 - **David Karrick** (Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Warner, Webster)
District 26 - **Lorrie J. Carey** (Boscawen, Canterbury, Franklin Ward 3, Loudon, Northfield)
District 28 - **Katherine D. Rogers** (Concord Ward 8-10)

Rockingham County

District 2 - **Chris Roundy; Tom St. Martin** (Candia, Deerfield, Nottingham)
District 3 - **Richard Rousseau** (Raymond)
District 6 - **Mary L. Till** (Derry)
District 8 - **Carla Billingham; Bonnie Wright** (Salem)
District 14 - **George Hamblen** (Atkinson, Plaistow)
District 21 - **R. Renny Cushing** (Hampton)
District 27 - **Peter Somssich** (Portsmouth Ward 3)
District 28 - **Gerald W.R. Ward** (Portsmouth Ward 4)
District 29 - **Pamela Gordon** (Portsmouth Ward 5)
District 31 - **Tamara Le** (Greenland, Newington, North Hampton, Portsmouth Ward 3)
District 32 - **Hal Rafter** (Candia, Deerfield, Northwood, Nottingham)

Strafford County

District 3 - **Bob Perry** (New Durham, Strafford)
District 6 - **Timothy Horrigan; Judith Spang; Janet G. Wall** (Durham, Madbury)
District 13 - **Isaac Epstein** (Dover Ward 1)
District 25 - **Amanda Gourgue** (Barrington, Lee)

Sullivan County

District 1 - **Lee W. Oxenham** (Cornish, Grantham, Plainfield, Springfield)
District 3 - **Allison Zito** (Claremont Ward 1)
District 6 - **Virginia O'Brien-Irwin** (Newport, Unity)
District 9 - **Linda Tanner** (Cornish, Croydon, Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity)
District 11 - **John Tuthill** (Acworth, Charlestown, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, Washington)



New Hampshire Sierra Club 2016 Environmental Champions for State Office

Gubernatorial and Executive Council Candidates Statements

Colin Van Ostern, Concord, Governor

New Hampshire is a special place to live, work and raise a family, in part because of our natural resources. I'm proud to have been part of the progress that's expanded solar and renewable energy projects around our state and that's now powering local municipalities. To keep New Hampshire moving forward, as Governor, I'll work to expand clean energy projects like solar and renewable energy to hold down energy costs, create local jobs and protect the environment.

Andru Volinsky, Concord, Executive Council District #2

My family lives in New Hampshire because of the high quality of life - a clean environment is essential to that. I'm honored to have the endorsement of the NH Sierra Club and look forward to working with its members to protect the planet so all our children can explore and enjoy New Hampshire's natural beauty.

Beth Roth, Esq., Salem, Executive Council District #3

I'm honored and proud to have earned the endorsement of the Sierra Club. We can protect our natural environment while ensuring our residents and businesses have access to clean, safe and affordable energy sources. I want New Hampshire to be a leader in pursuing cleaner energy sources while reducing dependence on fossil fuels. Our economy, recreational opportunities and way of life depend on preserving our land, air and water resources.



Dan Weeks, Nashua, Executive Council District #5

I am honored to receive Sierra Club's endorsement today. As a 12-Generation Granite Stater and outdoorsman, I am committed to protecting our environment for future generations and ensuring that all citizens have access to safe drinking water. On the Executive Council, I will support investments in renewable energy to help combat climate change and create good-paying green jobs right here in New Hampshire.

State Senate Candidates Quotations

Charlie Chandler, State Senate District #2

As a candidate for the New Hampshire Senate and a member of the board of directors of Pemi-Baker Land Trust, I am honored and delighted to receive the endorsement of the Sierra Club. Protecting and preserving our environment must be of the highest priority as we consider legislative initiatives. Science, not fiction, must guide us.

Hon. David Watters, Dover, State Senate District #4

As an Environmental Champion, I will redouble my efforts on climate change by implementing the recommendations of the Coastal Risk and Hazards Commission, by promoting creation of wildlife corridors and habitat strongholds, and by protecting Great Bay and Coastal waters.

Hon. Martha S. Hennessey, State Senate District #5

What a profound honor to be endorsed by the NH Sierra Club! The unparalleled natural beauty of New Hampshire is what feeds our economy and, indeed, our spirits. Our futures depend on awakening all citizens to the importance of investing in renewable and efficient energy resources, protecting our water, seashores, and forests, and educating generations to come. Our economy - our lives - depend on it.



Joe Casey, State Senate District #6

I am proud to be endorsed by the Sierra Club of New Hampshire. We need to keep our environment intact for future generations, and the work Sierra Club does is vital to preserving the quality of the air we breathe and the water we drink. I look forward to working with them in the State Senate.

Peggy Gilmour, Hollis, State Senate District #12

I am very proud to receive the endorsement of the New Hampshire Sierra Club. It is my goal to continue to work in the State Senate to protect the environment we all care so deeply about. Protection of clean water, and outdoors that brings us joy...and state revenues...and a move toward clean renewable energy are the priorities that are important to me, and those that I will fight for in the Senate.

Hon. Dan Feltes, Concord, State Senate District #15

I am honored to be endorsed by the NH Chapter of the Sierra Club. Working together, we can maintain New Hampshire's wonderful natural resources, advance energy efficiency and clean energy, and help ensure that no one is left behind in our growing green economy.

Hon. Alexis Simpson, State Senate District #23

The Sierra Club has consistently championed environmental protection in our state. I am honored to receive their endorsement, and am proud to stand with them in the responsible preservation of our natural resources and our environment for tourism, businesses and for our children.



Quotations from House Candidates by County

Hillsborough County

Brenda Grady, Merrimack, District #21

As a biology teacher for nearly three decades, environmentalism was an important part of my curriculum. Understanding our role in safeguarding our resources is a lesson to be learned and remembered.

Rockingham County

Bonnie Write, Salem, District #8

The trust that the New Hampshire Sierra Club has shown in me with this endorsement means a great deal to me. New Hampshire needs to elect legislators who will protect our water, air, soil, and food, as well as to fight against climate change and for clean energy. If elected, I fully intend to make the Sierra Club, and the other organizations that endorsed me, proud of how I serve our state.

George Hamblen, Plaistow, District #14

I wish to thank the Sierra Club of New Hampshire for endorsing my candidacy for state representative. I am proud to be the only District 14 candidate to receive this honor. New Hampshire is at critical juncture for the environment. The Seabrook power plant concrete is decaying, Northern Pass threatens our lush landscapes, and we have the most densely populated area in the country which is not served by passenger rail. At the state house, there is a threat to repeal the regional greenhouse gas initiative and an offshore wind farm has yet to be approved. The state legislature must act to lead us into an alternative energy future and combat climate change. New Hampshire needs climate champions at every level, starting in Concord. If elected, environment protection and climate will be a top priority.



Dr. Peter Somssich, Portsmouth, Rockingham District #27

I am grateful and humbled by the endorsement of the Sierra Club, and expect to be a strong supporter of environmental issues in the NH State House. As a scientist and a citizen of our state, I am convinced that strong support for, and investment in renewable energy will not only help to reverse the impact of climate change, but will also make our state an energy efficiency leader and positively impact our economy. This impact will result in more sustainable and good paying jobs. In addition, investments in environmental protection, will likewise impact are state in a positive fashion. As most of us who enjoy the beauty around us already realize tourism whether in the form of skiers, hikers or leaf-peepers are a significant part of our state's economy and its job market. The Sierra Club has been one of the leaders on these issues, and I am glad to join with them to continue this work.

Tamara Le, North Hampton, Rockingham #31

A fabulous honor! Thank you New Hampshire Sierra Club for your valued and venerable endorsement. Your work, vision, dedication and courage will help guide me as I persevere to rid our water system of cancer-causing toxins; protect our glorious, "New Hampshire Nature Advantage," and; produce jobs that support a fair and sustainable economy. Keep NH Green in '16!

Belknap County

Elizabeth "Liz" Merry, Laconia, District #3

I am honored to have been endorsed this year by the New Hampshire Sierra Club which recognizes my personal and professional involvement with environmental affairs since the late 1980s. Our shared interests in Climate Change and preserving natural resources are of vital importance to the sustainability of New Hampshire and its attractiveness to tourists, business and the majority of citizens in the State. I look forward to learning more about the priorities and programs of the Sierra Club.



Ian Raymond, Sanbornton, District #4

It is a great honor to be endorsed by the Sierra Club. Having served as a legislator, I understand the value and knowledge that they bring to the table when we are hearing testimony regarding our environment or energy issues and the impact that legislation may have on the quality of life in our beautiful state. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming session.

Grafton County

Rachael Booth, Landaff, District #15

I am a Vietnam-era veteran (1969-1977) where I served as a linguist (Mandarin Chinese/Arabic/Spanish/French), and a Senior Computer Scientist who worked on the Navy's Shipboard Missile Defense Systems for 30 years. I am also a former teacher of Basic Backpacking and Wilderness Survival and an Appalachian Trail hiker and protecting nature is very important to me, even more so because I live near and play in the White Mountains National Forest. The current Northern Pass project would cause immeasurable harm to our wildlife, to our ecology, and to our tourist-driven economy in the North Country whether built on massive towers or buried underground. Even worse it brings no benefit to New Hampshire at all - only to the massive energy companies here and in Canada. I am strongly opposed to Northern Pass in any form. "Hydro-Quebec, Allez-vous en!"

Carroll County

Erik Corbett, District #1

I am pleased and honored to receive the NH Sierra Club endorsement this year. Like the Sierra Club, I believe in, and will fight for, safe drinking water, clean air, a sustainable environment and a better future for us all. I look forward to working with the New Hampshire Sierra Club on transportation, energy, conservation and other issues important to us all.

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