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NH SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES 115 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 districts for 93 NH State Representatives, 17 State Senators, 4 Executive Councilors and the statewide Gubernatorial race. Of the total endorsed candidates, each has expressed concern for the New Hampshire environment, support for action on climate solutions, 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 stopped cleaner standards for landfills, climate energy planning, and social justice-informed approaches for 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.”

“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 statewide member to member outreach program” Allmendinger said.

The Sierra Club is committed to promoting clean energy solutions to move the state beyond dirty fossil fuels like coal, oil and expensive nuclear power, and towards a safe, clean energy future built on energy efficiency, clean energy, and American innovation. Since our founding in 1892 nationally and as a state chapter in 1990, the Sierra Club has protected America’s wild places and wildlife.

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In addition, the Club works to protect public health and ensure safe and healthy communities that are free of toxic air and water pollution for all. The Sierra Club and its over 3.8 million members and supporters nation-wide work to support candidates who share these values.

Complete List of Candidates: <https://www.sierraclub.org/new-hampshire/2022-state-house-endorsements>

To see entire Oct 24, 2022 press conference: <https://youtu.be/CgMGGL9PBWs>

See below for select candidate statements:

NH State Senate

Name	District	CONTACT	Statement
Edith Tucker	1	603-466-5425	We have an unprecedented opportunity to teach Granite Staters and other New Englanders about the importance of our natural resources, ensuring that everyone is imbued with the spirit of stewardship and understands the importance of the out-of-doors.
Kate Miller	2	603-491-6913	I welcome the endorsement of the Sierra Club and applaud their commitment to the maintenance of the natural resources that make NH such a unique state. Our lakes and streams, hiking trails and clean air must never be compromised. The Sierra Club's work toward that end makes them a true state champion.
Bill Marsh	3	603-569-6382	The Ossipee aquifer is an important local issue and I'm continuing to work to protect it.
David Watters	4	603-969-9224	It is an honor to be recognized by the Sierra Club in our shared fight on the climate crisis to move to renewable energy, protect our environment and wildlife, mitigate the effects of the rising sea levels and ensure environmental and social justice guides our work.
Suzanne Prentiss	5	603-381-9195	I am honored to once again be endorsed by the Sierra Club. Together with residents of District 5 I honor a commitment to clean, safe air, and water as well as the preservation of NH's lands.
Richard LOBBAN	7	603-744-6484	NH Senatorial Candidate joins others putting 170 acres in the Lakes Region into Conservation Trust forever.
Becky Whitley	15	802-249-0117	I'm so honored by the endorsement from the NH Sierra Club. We live in a state full of incredible natural beauty, which is integral to our health and economy. Yet we have fallen behind our fellow New England states when it comes to preserving our environment and taking meaningful action on climate change. I look forward to working with the NH Sierra Club this legislative session on clean and renewable energy solutions, zero waste policies, increasing renewable energy and efficiency programs in

			New Hampshire, and setting targets for cutting dangerous carbon pollution.
Wayne Haubner	22	603-600-8596	People are my priority, not extremist political games
Brenda Oldak	23	603-770-8915	I will work to preserve and protect New Hampshire's natural resources because it is our responsibility to safeguard our health, our economy, tourism, and our ecosystem now and for future generations.
Debra Altschiller	24	603-686-1234	I am so proud to have the endorsement of the NH Sierra Club, who knows that being in community means protecting and preserving our natural resources. We are connected to the flora, fauna, wildlife and water sources of our beautiful state. The care of our environment is paramount to our ability to thrive.

**House Candidates by County
Belknap County**

NAME	Phone number	District Number	Statement
David Huot	603-630-0355	3	We cherish our natural resources!!!
Sheryl Anderson	603-998-9271	3	The climate crisis requires a swift and decisive response. New Hampshire currently has no plan to end its reliance on fossil fuel. If elected, climate will be a top priority.
Patrick Wood	603.630.9191	5	Protecting our environment is protecting our future! Thank you, Sierra Club.
Don House	508-344-4612	8	I'm honored and proud to have earned the endorsement of the Sierra Club. One of the reasons I live in New Hampshire is because I enjoy many outdoor activities. I value a clean environment. We need to preserve our environment for future generations. The work of the Sierra Club 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 House.

Carroll County

ANITA	BURROUGHS	603-986-6216	2	I am proud to have an endorsement from the Sierra Club of NH which works tirelessly for environmental protections and to support clean energy policy in the Granite State.
Gabrielle	Watson	1617-875-6391	3	It's time to cut energy costs and grow jobs in NH by accelerating investments in our clean energy future.
Peaco	Todd	617-909-5696	3	Protecting our aquifers, rivers and lakes, mountains, forests and meadows — that mosaic of beauty that defines this place — is the paramount struggle of my lifetime.

Cheshire County

Philip	Jones	603-499-8648	3	As a long-time Keene City Councilor, I am proud of the many energy, climate, and environmental policies that we have brought forward. In 2004 while serving as a chairman of the Cities for Climate Protection Committee I had the honor of introducing the city's first Climate Action Plan which lead the way to other New Hampshire communities adopting similar plans. I am proud to serve on the board of directors for Pathways for Keene a non-profit organization with the sole purpose of raising funds to build and maintain alternative use trails throughout the city of Keene.
Lucy	Weber	603-499-0282	5	Preservation of our unique New Hampshire environment impacts all aspects of our lives as NH citizens--our health, our way of life, and most of all, the future of our children and grandchildren. I am honored to be endorsed by the NH Sierra Club, and look forward to working together as we look to the future.

Grafton County

William	Bolton	6032361812	8	For decades, my family and I have lived in New Hampshire, and we are all energized by the beauty of our state. We all take advantage of the natural resources that our home offers us. We hike, bike, ski, canoe, and in turn, I am politically involved in protecting and enhancing our environment through my many years on our Town's Select board and my leadership on the Pemigewasset River Advisory Committee. When elected, I will bring this focus with me to the NH Legislature.
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Hillsborough County

John	Fitzgerald	978-575-4170	2	I am so proud and happy to have earned the endorsement of The Sierra Club of New Hampshire. I look forward to working with these stewards of New Hampshire's beautiful spaces to preserve and promote our wild areas for future generations.
David E.	Cote		3	"STATEMENT OF REP. DAVID E. COTE "I am gratified and honored to receive today the endorsement of the New Hampshire Sierra Club. Its work has never been more important to our survival than in these days of climatological disaster the world over. Unfortunately, New Hampshire has its share of climate deniers. It is a great honor to receive the endorsement of an organization whose leaders have included such great environmentalists as John Muir, William O. Douglas, and David Brower, and the endorsement is greatly appreciated."

Carry	Spier	6038604385	6	Our environment must be protected for our children and all living creatures that inhabit our world. Not doing so may result in our eventual extinction.
Sherry	Dutzy	6035575599	6	Now is the time for all citizens to come to the aid of democracy. Please VOTE!
SUZANNE	VAIL	603-234-0704	6	Clean water is a human right. We can no longer tolerate a business climate that thrives at the expense of NH's safe drinking water.
catherine	sofikitis	603-718-0945	7	I am fighting hard for clean water, proper scientific landfill siting, environmental Justice, pollinator protection, and against the proposed asphalt plant in Nashua on Temple Street.
Matthew	McLaughlin	603-682-5798	9	If elected I look forward to working with the Sierra Club on issues relating to climate and the environment.
Linda	Harriott-Gathright	603-880-4537	10	“Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage.” Maya Angelou
Laura	Telerski	603-320-3957	11	I am honored to receive the Sierra Club endorsement and will continue to work to preserve the beauty of our state for everyone to enjoy.
Will	Darby	603-891-2865	11	Supporting New Hampshire's beautiful natural gifts so future generations inherit a healthy and clean environment.
Wendy	Thomas	603-494-3851	12	Our environment is intimately connected to our health. We must protect our environment at all costs and we must hold industrial polluters accountable for the damage they have caused to our communities.
David	Preece	16036699974	17	Protecting our natural resources and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions is essential for our survival.
Jessica	Grill	6035666132	18	I am proud to be endorsed by the NH Sierra Club. Our state's natural beauty has brought many people to the Granite State, whether to visit or live, and I want to ensure future generations have the chance to grow up enjoying the outdoors like I did. I look forward to advocating for sustainable energy independence, clean air and water, and protections for outdoor spaces as a member of the NH House.
Heidi	Hamer	603-860-7949	19	I believe in Science, therefore I want to maintain a livable planet for all.

Patricia	Cornell	603-868-4619	22	I always endorse and vote for legislation that will lead to a clean energy economy, fight for clean air and water. I oppose bills that are harmful to and destroy the quality of our environment.
Donald	Bouchard	1603-622-0388	24	I will continue to support legislation that produces economic growth while protecting our environment. We can create good jobs and preserve our climate as well as our natural resources. I believe we need to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy resources.
Daniel	Veilleux	207-653-4430	34	It is an honor to be endorsed by such a great organization as the New Hampshire Sierra club. Preserving New Hampshire is natural beauty and wildlife for future. Generations is always a top priority. I will continue to help support the development of alternative energy sources and the protection of our most valuable resources.
Jennifer	Morton	603-318-1548	34	New Hampshire needs to do a better job of prioritizing investment in renewable energy sources which will help ensure a healthy environment for future generations.
Mary	Heath	603.860.1413	41	The environment is a priority for me and I am so honored to be endorsed by the NH Sierra Club
Jacqueline	Chretien	603-289-6808	41	Preserving the natural resources and livability of the state for future generations was one of the reasons that I first wanted to run for office, and I've been really lucky to serve on committees that have let me have direct impact here. I'm honored to have the Sierra Club's endorsement and hope to keep working together closely on our shared goals.
Karen	Roach	6034871058	42	Like the Sierra Club, I support preserving and protecting the natural resources and environment in our beautiful state, our country and our world.

Merrimack County

Scott	Burns	603-203-7727	3	It is my great pleasure to be endorsed by the NH Sierra Club.
Rebecca	McWilliams	603-227-6494	30	New Hampshire is a jewel. We love our lakes and rivers, forests and trails. I am working with the Sierra Club to ensure that we keep our environment clean and hold polluters accountable for the next generation of Granite Staters.

Rockingham County

Elizabeth	Greenberg	(585)472-0458	13	As Wendell Berry said, “The earth is what we all have in common”. As a lifelong lover of the outdoors—a camper, hiker, kayaker, swimmer- I am truly honored to have received the endorsement of the Sierra Club!
Craig	Cunningham	603-965-1522	13	I am committed to protecting NH's drinking water and our pristine environment. It is important to our health, and our economy.
Robin	Vogt	603-969-5720	21	I want to thank the incredible organizers and leaders at the New Hampshire Sierra Club for their endorsement. It's time to push climate action through the halls of our state legislature. We will link arms and move the Granite State forward for the betterment of all those that call the Seacoast home.
Bonnie	Wright	603-722-0714	25	I believe in the “7th Generation Principle” taught by Native Americans: “With every decision, we must consider how it will affect our descendants seven generations into the future.” I believe that this applies to every decision we make, but especially to our environment. I look forward to continuing to work with NH Sierra Club as we work to make our world a better place for our grandchildren’s grandchildren.
Neil	Misra	603-339-9824	25	New Hampshire's natural environment is its most precious resource. We must fight to create a clean climate future for our state by transitioning to renewable energy sources. By diversifying our energy portfolio, we can protect our environment AND lower energy costs for Granite State families.
David	Meuse	603-957-8436	37	Thank you @NHSierraClub for your endorsement. Looking forward to continuing to work together for clean air, safe water, climate action, and protection of our vibrant natural world and the people who depend on it.

Strafford County

Pamela	Hubbard	(603) 332-4093	2	We are the stewards of this planet and it is our duty to protect this trust for further generations. With climate change presenting a fearsome picture of what might happen if we fail, we must do our utmost to make the best decisions possible to ensure the planet's future
Matthew	Towne	16037679990	4	Nothing, absolutely nothing, is as important as protecting the Earth we all live on.
Loren	Selig	6039533641	10	We must work to restore our environment in order to protect our future.
Jackie	Cilley	603-664-5597	18	I am honored to have received the Sierra Club of NH's endorsement for State Representative of Strafford District 18, encompassing the communities of Barrington, Strafford, Middleton and New Durham. I am aligned with the NHSC's recognition and acknowledgement that preserving the natural environment must be inclusive of the values of economic, social, and environmental justice. Vibrant forests as well as clean water and clean air rely upon a strong, healthy, and well-informed society.

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