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Hi Dan,

It's the beginning of May and you know what that means: Mother's Day is right around the corner! So I thought I'd take some time to thank the wonderful women and moms in my life. Growing up with a single mom, I saw firsthand all that it took for my mom to take care of our family while running our business. I learned grit and the value of hard work from her example, one that I've carried with me as I started my own family. It has been the joy of my life to start a family with my wife, Katelyn. She supports us every day with her commitment to doing everything she does well. And Logan is so lucky to have her two grandmothers - Grandma and Mimi - who have gotten to spend so much time with her and teach her so much. I'm so grateful for them and many others in our life. Logan Marie has an incredible group of women to grow up with!





These past 15 months have been especially difficult for mothers and caretakers, who have juggled added parental responsibilities and economic stress. Let's celebrate the moms and mother figures in our lives a little extra this year, for all that they have done and continue to do for us.

As we move into May, it also marks the second to last month of the legislative session in the Senate. But things aren't winding down just yet! Over in the Senate, we've been working hard to negotiate a budget that creates economic opportunity for all Granite Staters. We've seen the Majority put forth many concerning additions—from the school voucher program to banning the teaching of “divisive concepts” like race and gender. You can trust that my colleagues will continue to work hard against these provisions and ensure that we create a budget that helps all folks thrive. See my op-ed with colleagues on this topic [here](#).

Legislative Update

As mentioned last time, it is crossover season, which means I am testifying often in front of House Committees and seeing my House colleagues in our Senate Committees. In the past two weeks, we have had hearings on our nursing mothers bill, my Main Street small business bill, my digital meetings bill, and my landlord-tenant bill. All of these will now face votes in the House - please reach out if you want to support them!



Events

Outside of the Chamber, I had the chance to celebrate Earth Day with two incredible women, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and [White House](#) Deputy Director of Energy Justice Shalanda Baker. We had a great conversation on the role women are playing in the environmental movement. Women across the

country are stepping up for our future generations and I'm proud to be a part of that movement here in NH!

I also joined the Hampton Dems to talk about redistricting efforts Senator Tom Sherman and I led this session. The Majority may have voted down our fair redistricting bills this session, but we aren't going anywhere. The need to strengthen our democracy remains and we'll continue working to ensure our representation truly reflects our people. Check out this great piece in Seacoast Online on our work [here!](#)

Looking Ahead

If you haven't had the chance to get your vaccine yet, I highly encourage you to visit vaccines.nh.gov and check out available appointments near you. We all need to do our part to protect one another and getting vaccinated is a great way to do so.

For any restaurant owners out there, applications are now open for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, which was created by the American Rescue Plan. Folks must first register their account at <http://sba.gov/>. For the first 21 days that the program is open, the SBA will prioritize funding applications from women, veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. After the 21 days, all eligible applications will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis.

The SBA is also reminding small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private nonprofit organizations in New Hampshire that May 17 is the filing deadline for federal economic injury disaster loans due to frost from May 6 through June 2, 2020. Loans are available to the following New Hampshire counties: Belknap, Cheshire, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham,

Strafford and Sullivan. To apply, visit sba.gov/disaster.
Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small
Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center,
14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Lastly, I want to highlight a great event coming up hosted by my
wonderful colleagues, Senators Cindy Rosenwald Lou
D'Allesandro. They will be leading a virtual roundtable to discuss
the public hearings on HB 1 and HB 2. Tune in Thursday, May
6th at 6:30PM by visiting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86035315631>.

From my family to yours, wishing you and your family a Happy
(early) Mother's Day!

Best,
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