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Hi everyone,

I can't believe it is already August! I'm sure many of you, especially parents, feel the same way. With the school year fast approaching, I know many of us are anxious about what the year will look like with the rising Delta surge. That's why I wrote a letter to DHHS to recommend mask-wearing in schools to protect kids and their families, especially as the large portion of our students are not yet eligible to be vaccinated. I will continue to work to put community safety first and will keep you updated on these efforts.

The Census Data is here! It's arrival will supply crucial information for the redistricting process. I have been assured that the process will be fully-transparent and I look forward to being a part of it. So far, no word on when we might meet as a Senate Redistricting Committee.

As you know, affordable housing has been a major focus of mine over the last decade. Our housing crisis remains as worrying as it has ever been. According to

the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority's "2021 Residential Rental Cost Survey," high housing demand coupled with low vacancy leave far too many families with a lack of affordable housing options. It's no wonder 55% of young people plan to leave NH in 5 years. We need to invest in the next generation and that starts with affordable housing. I'm proud to see my bill, SB126, become law at the right time, not only because of the affordable housing crisis but also with lapse in the eviction moratorium for several days earlier this month. As we continue to work toward full recovery from the pandemic, we must continue supporting our most vulnerable.

This week, we held our first caucus looking to next year's session and starting to plan out our bills. Legislation is due at the end of October - so here we go again! I would love to hear from you with any ideas you have that I can assist with.

Events

Climate Action Campaign Rally: Earlier this month, Granite Staters joined together to call on Congress to act now on bold climate investments and transition to clean transportation infrastructure. Climate change is an existential crisis and we can't waste any time. We owe it to future generations of Granite Staters to act boldly and protect our beautiful state.

Tour on the Piscataqua: Last week, I went on a tour of the port infrastructure on the Piscataqua for potential offshore wind development. Huge shoutout to the Port Authority at Pease for organizing the tour—their work is crucial to expanding renewable energy opportunities. Huge potential for our state's economy and green energy future!



Looking Ahead

The **New Hampshire Young Democrats** will be hosting their summer barbecue at Cisco Brewers Portsmouth on August 25! The Young Dems are an amazing organization, responsible for helping elect young people to office across New Hampshire. The event will be featuring an incredible keynote speaker, Maine Secretary of State and former American Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Shenna Bellows, who was instrumental in passing same-sex marriage in Maine and the continued fight to protect voting and reproductive rights. [Tickets and more information are available here!](#)

One of Portsmouth's own, Joshua Nixon, is organizing a wonderful event and fundraiser to commemorate the lives lost in the terrorist attacks on 9/11. Joshua will be climbing the 110 flights of stairs of the Twin Towers in

his Seabrook Nuclear Station fire brigade gear starting at exactly 8:46 AM EST, the time that the first tower was hit. It will be live streamed in order to raise money and awareness. Consider contributing what you can to his fundraising efforts:

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/2969921759888190/>.

Katelyn, Logan, and I are enjoying the last few days of being a family of three! We can't wait to welcome our new baby into our family any day now.





Wishing you and yours a wonderful rest of the summer!

Take Care,
Rebecca

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