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Hi everyone,

Katelyn, Logan, and I are so excited to welcome our daughter Colby Eva Kwoka into the world! She joined us on August 26th weighing in at 9 lbs 9 oz., 21in. - and everyone is happy and healthy! Logan has already taken to her quickly, cuddling often and reading Colby many of her favorite books. We are so fortunate to have these two lovely ladies in our lives and can't wait to watch them both grow. And today is Logan's 2nd birthday!







Some more good news: just days before Colby arrived, I was officially informed that I am an alternate member on the Senate Redistricting Committee! After making fair and transparent redistricting a major priority of mine this session, I am honored to continue this work on the committee. Fellow committee member, Senator Donna Soucy, and I have been working hard to ensure this process strengthens our democracy and is something we can all be proud of. The first meeting is tonight, September 14, at the old Merrimack County Courthouse, 5 Court St, Concord, NH 03301, at 6:00 pm. **Please spread the word to those who you know in the area to attend if they can!** We need input on these districts to come from as wide a group as possible. Future meetings scheduled so far are:

- Tuesday, 9/14, at 6 p.m. at Old County Courthouse, 5 Court Street in Concord
- Wednesday, 9/22, at 6 p.m. at County Courthouse, 259 County Farm Road in Dover
- Thursday, 9/30, at 6 p.m. at the NH IOP, 100 Saint Anselm Drive in Manchester

For more on what's been happening as summer comes to a close, check out our political and event highlights below!

Political Update

Texas' Extreme Abortion Ban: Recently, Texas joined NH in passing restrictions on reproductive rights, authorizing an even more extreme bill that bans abortion after 6 weeks and establishes a bounty hunter system—designed to inundate clinics with legal bills until they are forced to close. This ban will disproportionately impact communities of color and low-income folks. If you can, consider [donating to the ACLU](#) and other great organizations working hard to combat these awful attacks. I will be addressing the abortion ban through legislation to repeal it this session, as well as other efforts to protect reproductive rights.

Delegation Delivering on Tax Cuts: We have already seen a major impact from the American Rescue Plan, perhaps none bigger than through the expansion of the Child Tax Credit. As of mid-July, more than 90% of families received their payments—helping out nearly 75% of children in our Congressional district. Another major reason why Democratic leadership in Washington is so important.

New Hampshire Business Review's Landlord E-Book: NHBR recently released its free e-book, Facility Manager's Handbook, which provides helpful tips to property owners. It provides information on NH law, including my bill (SB 126), which has expanded renter assistance and helps protect landlords' incomes. Check it out [here](#)! This bill is providing protections

today for New Hampshire renters, and I'm so proud to have worked on this meaningful tool.

Events

NHYD Annual BBQ: I had the chance to join an amazing group of Young Dems to celebrate NHYD's annual cookout! Our state is proof that young people make a difference. And as always, it was great to introduce the amazing Senator Maggie Hassan, who will need our help ensuring she's back in Washington for six more years. Check out my full speech [here](#)!

Rally to #SealTheDeal for Climate, Jobs, Care and Justice: On Thursday, August 26th, 350 New Hampshire, Rights & Democracy NH, and NH Youth Movement held a rally in Portsmouth calling on Congress to #SealTheDeal on the bold reconciliation package. We have a chance to act boldly, to invest in programs proven to combat climate change. And thanks to the work of these organizers and many others, we can capitalize on this moment before it's too late. Watch the full livestream [here](#)!

603 Forward Debrief: A group of us gathered at the home of Honorable Jon Morgan recently to hear about the impact of 603Forward in our legislative and electoral processes this year. Keep up the good work to represent our generation!

Looking Ahead

The Rockingham County Democratic Committee will be virtually hosting their annual Clambake on Friday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. This is one of my favorite events of the year and will feature amazing speakers like rising star Congressman Colin Allred of Texas and hometown favorites Senator Maggie Hassan and Executive

Councilor Cinde Warmington. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/clambake2021>. Hope to see you there!





I hope you and yours had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. Wishing you a restful and wonderful start to Fall from our family to yours!

Take Care,
Rebecca

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