REBECCA PERKINS KANOKA STATE SENATE

Hi everyone,

Redistricting Committee meetings are in full swing and we have had great turnout so far! Folks have made it clear that they value a fair and transparent process, one that draws districts that reflect the people in them.

Tonight, the meeting will be coming to our neck of the woods—6 p.m. at the County Superior Courthouse in Brentwood.

The hearing is public and every voice matters—it's your space to share what you value as we move forward. Don't hesitate to reach out if you are in need of transportation. And if you can't make it, follow along live on <u>YouTube</u>!

We have repeatedly asked the Chair of the Committee to make digital input - via zoom or some other means - available for the hearings. She has denied this request 3 times so far at the hearings, as well as before they started. We must ensure that there is not only access to hearings for those who are unable to attend indoors, in person, but that maps are made available before the end of public hearings. These are points we will continue to fight for and push as the hearings progress. Come and add your voice to this tonight!

Unfortunately, last week's meeting in Manchester was cancelled following disruptions by protesters at the Executive Council meeting. These antics are unacceptable and only threaten public health. As we continue weathering the pandemic, we need to stay together and do everything we can to protect one another.

Legislative Update

Bills for 2022: Yes, it's that time already! I am putting together my legislative package for 2022 and would love to hear from you. I have been meeting with the cities and towns in our district and heard their ideas, as well as staff at UNH and Pease, and various Representatives and Democratic Committees. So far, I am planning on legislations concerning:

- Affordable and workforce housing; access to mediation
- Voting rights and redistricting
- Protecting the right to an abortion
- Anti-discrimination
- Renewables
- Digital meetings
- Other requests

Please add your voice!

Events Recap

Colby's First Meeting!: Last Monday I had a great

meeting on potential postpartum legislation this afternoon with a rockstar group of women, including Senators Becky Whitley and Sue Prentiss. I then ended the day at the Commission on Offshore Wind Development, where Colby made a special guest appearance! We heard about exciting developments that have huge potential for our district.



Women's March: Over the weekend, thousands of Granite Staters came together to fight for reproductive healthcare and self-determination. This comes on the heels of the GOP-led Executive Council voting to defund Planned Parenthood and other family planning contracts, depriving roughly 15,000 low-income Granite Staters of critical medical care. In response, Senator Shaheen has formally requested the US Office of Management and Budget to reverse the Title X Gag Rule, which would unlock federal funding for most family planning centers. Tenant-Landlord Mediation Program: Rep. DiLorenzo and I met with Judge King of the Circuit Court and Margaret Huang, his clerk, on their successful eviction mediation program. The program starts on November 1st. If you are interested in learning more about the program, feel free to email mediation@courts.state.nh.us.



Looking Ahead

I am excited to announce that I'll be holding a fundraiser to kick off our 2022 re-election campaign! The date will be either October 27th or October 28th from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. It will be a great chance to connect with folks as we gear up for an important midterm election. Details on venue to come! <u>If you</u> <u>can't make it, consider a donation here</u>.

I hope that you all are enjoying the beautiful start to

fall! Logan, Colby, Katelyn, and I had a wonderful weekend at the Deerfield Fair. The girls (well, one of them anyway!) loved running through the pumpkin patch and corn maze. Soaking up as much time outdoors as we can!





Take Care, Rebecca

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