★★★ New Hampshire Primary – September 14, 2010 ★★★

NH State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's Office. NH law requires that you vote in person at the polling place (in Amherst that is Souhegan High School) unless you plan to be absent on election day, cannot appear in public on election day because of observance of a religious commitment, are unable to vote because of a disability or you cannot appear at any time during the polling hours because an employment obligation requires you to remain physically at work or to be in transit to or from the time the polls open until after the time polls close. Polling hours in Amherst are 6AM to 8PM. The last day to change party affiliation before the primary was June 1st. To obtain an absentee ballot please submit a written request which requires a signature of the voter. They are available during regular business hours (9AM to 3PM Monday through Friday and Tuesday night from 4:30PM to 6:30 PM) and must be received back by 5PM Monday night on Sept. 13th if returned in person and by 5PM on election day if returned by mail. No absentee ballots may be returned in hand on Election Day.

The last day to register to vote before the primary is Tuesday, Sept. 7th from 7PM to 7:30PM. NH law also allows voter registration on Election Day. Voter registration is accepted during regular business hours at the town clerk's office. College students who are home for the summer and are interested in registering to vote or obtaining an absentee ballot should come in while they're here.

What is Your Vision for New Hampshire?

To the editor:

Before the election every candidate for state office should be asked two questions. What is your vision for New Hampshire? Secondly: What is needed to achieve your vision?

New Hampshire has always been a high quality and special place in which to live. But in order to keep our children and grandchildren in the state we must provide quality, high paying jobs and professions or we will become a retirement state offering nothing but low paying service jobs.

We must begin to offer benefits to encourage business growth. Business taxes must be reduced to counteract the high cost of utilities in the state. This means lower business taxes and greater incentives to encourage new business start-ups and more relocations to the state.

We must also reduce the size of government and make it more efficient, smaller and open. All branches of government and departments must prioritize its programs and evaluate each program on a cost/benefit basis, providing our citizens with the necessary needs, but not every want.

Reaching fiscal soundness will be difficult considering that we have increased the state budget by 24% over the last two bienium. We have instituted more than 100 new or increased taxes and fees and yet have still been unable to meet our budget needs. As a result we will go into our next budget cycle with a $700 million shortfall.

What has happened to the frugal, self sufficient New Hampshire that I thought I lived in?

Robert Rowe, Representative
Amherst, Milford

Dokmo Puts Town's Needs First

To the editor:

I have known Cynthia Dokmo for a number of years and have called on her on numerous occasions when I or the Town needed assistance dealing with a problem within State government. I have always found her to be very attentive and supportive to my requests. On numerous occasions she has reported to the towns when there are bills that could affect us, either in a positive or negative way. I have found her to put the Town's needs first ahead of either party's agenda. She has certainly done an

excellent job of supporting both Amherst and Milford over her many years as our Representative. In these economic times I am very confident she will continue to represent our towns admirably and carefully to insure we get what our towns need from State government. I ask that you also support her with your vote for State Representative on September 14.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
George D. Infanti
Amherst

Strong Republican Leadership to Get Us Back on Track

To the editor:

I would like to urge all Republicans and conservative Independents to go to the polls on September 14th and cast a ballot in the Republican primary. We have a lot of competitive races that will decide our GOP nominees for US Senate, US Congress, Governor, and State Representative. I am confident that the Republican primary on September 14th will select the winners of these races in November. With unemployment in the nation approaching 10%, and spending and debt out of control in Washington and in Concord, it will take strong Republican leadership to get us back on track. What type of leadership that will be depends on your vote in the September 14th primary election.

Another race to be decided that day will be which members of our community will represent Amherst as delegates to the Republican State Convention on September 25th. I ask for your vote in that race so that I can take our conservative message of limited constitutional government, low spending, low taxes, individual liberty, and individual responsibility to the Republican State Convention. Go out and vote on primary day, September 14th. Thank you.

Mark Vincent
Amherst

Hansen - Candidate For State Representative

To the editor:

I am announcing my bid to represent both Milford and Amherst as one of the District 6 State representatives. I have resided in Amherst for over 60 years, attended local schools at Amherst Brick School, and Milford High School. I am a Viet Nam Era veteran of the US Navy and hold a Bachelors and Masters degree in Business Administration. Married to Patricia, we raised and educated two children – Ryan and Karyn - in Amherst.

I am a moderate conservative who believes that New Hampshire is losing both its character and advantage over other states in the region. I will work diligently to create and maintain jobs in NH by preserving and strengthening the business opportunities and climate, assess carefully the size of NH's government, spending policies of the State and revenue generating solutions other than additional taxation.

My hope is that people have come to realize that the current legislature has burdened both our children and grandchildren with their obsession to spend their money! We need folks in Concord who A: can distinguish between need and want and B: have the fortitude to vote for sensible solutions to issues that may or may not include additional spending. My 35 years in business as a successful executive and as a small business owner have given me the tools, knowledge and will to make not only popular but also unpopular decisions for the benefit of all."

I appreciate your vote in the upcoming primary you will not be disappointed.

Peter Hansen, Amherst
Candidate for Responsive and
Affordable Government

Coughlin for State Rep.

To the editor:

My name is Sean Coughlin and I am running in the Republican Primary on September 14th for State Representative Hillsborough District 6 which includes the Towns of Amherst and Milford.

I have lived my entire life in the area. I graduated from Souhegan High School and participated in a variety of sports and activities. I continued my education at the University of New Hampshire, majoring in Political Science and International Affairs. At UNH I gave two discussions regarding international issues at the Undergraduate Research Conference. I have also moderated/judged a discussion as a graduate student. Through the graduate program, I assisted the Portsmouth Police Department develop an emergency response packet.

I have the time and the energy to move New Hampshire back from wasteful spending and new taxes on business to create a more efficient, responsive and affordable government. I strongly believe in our citizen legislature and will be a watchdog in Concord for our taxes to make sure we receive the best value for each and every tax dollar. I am committed to working for you and welcome the opportunity to serve the residents of Amherst and Milford.

Sean Coughlin
Amherst

Ann McLane Kuster is Impressive

To the editor:

Annie Kuster opposed the Bush Tax Cuts for America's wealthiest. This give-away to the rich deeply harmed our economy and increased our national debt by over $2 trillion dollars. Instead she stood with those who urged Congress to pass tax relief for middle class families, keep the deficit under control, and invest in job creation – She is a strong advocate for the middle class, and will always stand up to support them!

Out of 211 Democrats serving in the US House of Representatives when the Bush tax cuts were passed in 2001, just 10 of them voted to support Bush. Note that more than 2/3 of the conservative "Blue Dog Democrats" opposed the cuts because of their deficit fears.

Kuster again showed her courage when she announced her opposition to the Bush effort to remove Saddam Hussein by invading Iraq.

Annie Kuster is proving to be the clear choice for Congress in this district. Support and enthusiasm surrounding her candidacy is growing rapidly. Democrats, Independents, and even some Republicans are flocking rapidly to her campaign, indicating significant movement toward her election to Congress in November. She represents the path forward for our 2nd District. Annie has the answers her opposition has yet to discover.. Ann McLane Kuster is impressive!

Ann is the only reasonable choice if we want to keep a Bush Republican away from the levers of power that were so horribly abused for eight long years.

Howard Morse
Amherst

Vote for Bill Binnie September 14th

To the editor:

After attending political events for both Kelly Ayotte and Bill Binnie, I think Bill Binnie has more to offer NH residents and all Americans.

Although both candidates care deeply for NH residents and all Americans, Bill Binnie's more moderate approach will serve us the best

Conservatives seem to be in lock-step with one another; they are quick to condemn anyone who doesn't follow specific conservative rules. Ask yourself, does that approach represent the essence of America?

Although Kelly Ayotte has experience as a small business owner and drives a pickup truck with a plow, Bill Binnie was raised by hard working parents, who may not have known what a BS was, but taught him what he needed to know to work his way through college and become a stellar businessman.

People in NH and America have diverse political views that will be best represented by the business expertise and moderate political philosophy of Bill Binnie.

Sincerely,
June Fabre
Amherst

Support for Dokmo in Primary

To the editor:

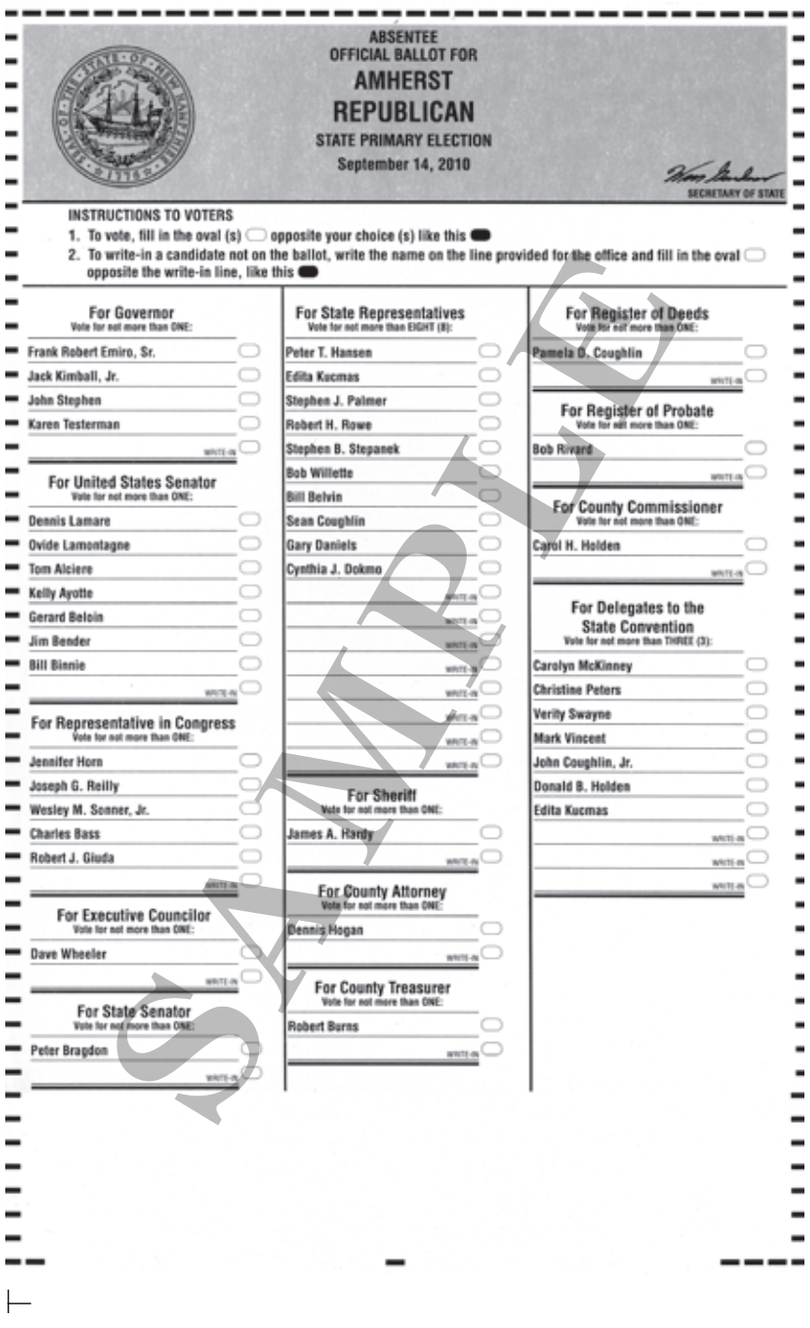
This year the people of our surrounding towns have a number of choices to make in the primary election on September 14, 2010. One candidate for NH State Representative has distinguished herself in all aspects of service and dedication - that candidate is Cynthia Dokmo.

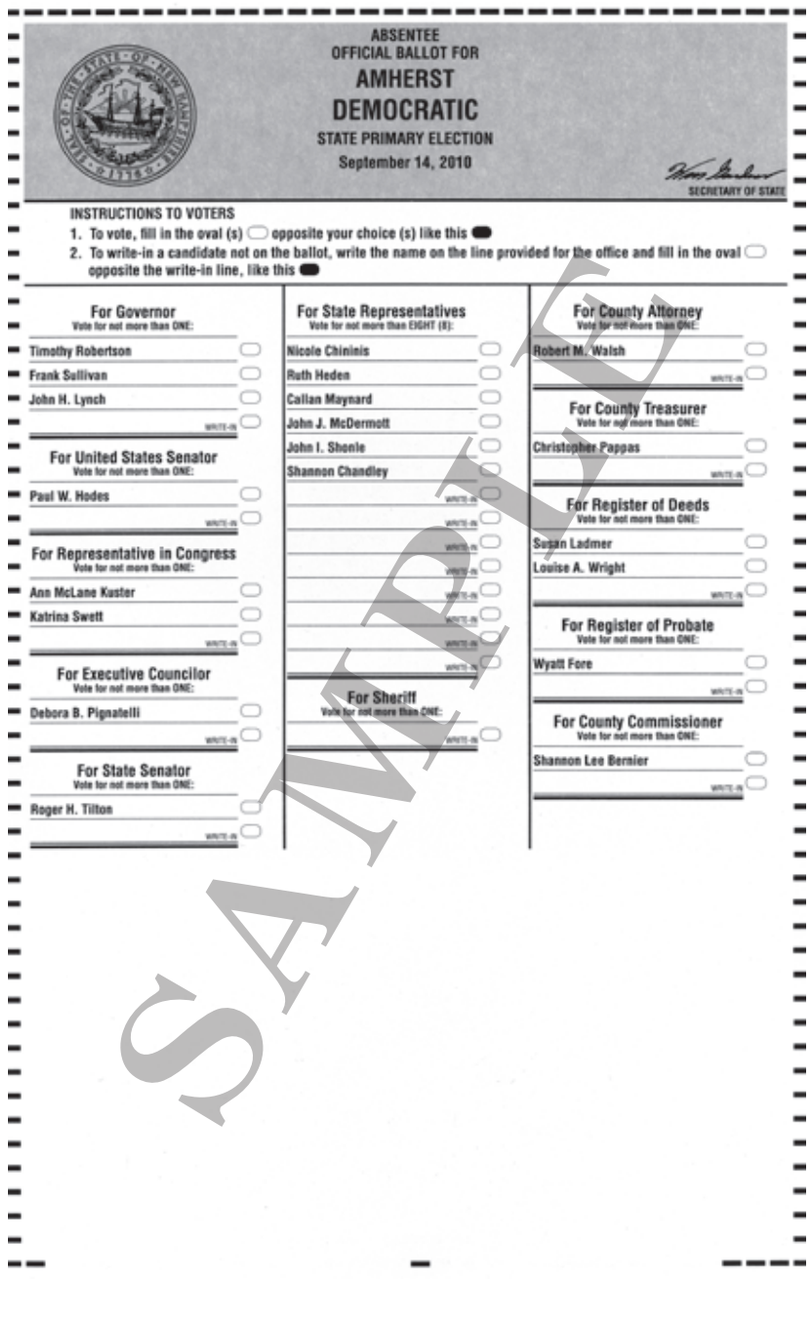
Cynthia is intelligent. As an attorney she brings her expertise and knowledge to everything from the introduction of bills to the decision making process in voting for what she believes is the right decision for us, her constituents. She plays an active part in all that she does and makes a difference. Cynthia Dokmo's attitude that each of us has a duty to give back to our communities is definitely one that she lives by.

She has experience. Currently in her 8th term as a State Representative, she has chaired committees such as the Judicial Committee and has had to make the hard decisions needed on the Finance Committee. She does what she believes is right for her constituents. She has the courage of her convictions and represents well the people of our district and the State of New Hampshire.

Do get out to vote on September 14th and, I hope you will join me in supporting Cynthia Dokmo in the primary election.

Sincerely,
Alice E. Wheeler
Milford





Rekindling The "Live Free Or Die" Beacon

To the editor:

Like our country, New Hampshire is under siege and in a fight for its very survival. We are the last New England state that respects its citizens' right to choose the wearing of seat belts and helmets, and the last one to resist a sales or income tax. We have always believed that low taxes were the result of low spending; low spending promoted small government; and small government guaranteed our personal freedoms. In the past four years, however, the liberals in Concord have changed all of that. While New Hampshire has always maintained a balanced budget, deliberate overspending has created a potential $1 billion budget shortfall. While most states cut their budgets with the economic downturn, liberals and progressives in Concord, often maneuvering under the cover of political darkness, increased spending 27% in the last four years. Attempting to sustain their out-of-control spending, these same liberals increased the State's debt 30%, added and increased nearly 100 new taxes and fees, borrowed on the State credit card to fund day-to-day expenses, and created an antibusiness job-killing environment. They attacked home schooling with burdensome regulations, and attacked family values by attempting "Transgender Bathroom" and "Assisted Suicide" legislation. Gay marriage became legal, and parents' rights diminished when requirements to be informed of abortions being performed on their minor daughters were repealed. Through manipulation of the Legislative Rules Committee, the right to carry firearms in the State House was prohibited, and they even tried to restrict free speech the last day of the legislative session.

The good news is that the voters in New Hampshire can reverse this trend by electing conservatives who will return to New Hampshire its state sovereignty, proud heritage, and a government it can afford. Conservative votes can assure that New Hampshire stands as that fort

on sovereignty hill, withstanding the siege of fiscal madness and national socialism, shining its "Live Free Or Die" beacon to the rest of the nation.

God bless,
Robert Mead
NH State Representative
Hillsborough District 4
Mont Vernon

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