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House Republican Leader Reacts to NH Ranking 30th in CNBC's Top States for Business

Concord- House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett) released the following statement in reaction to CNBC's recently published ranking of the top states to do business. [CNBC ranked New Hampshire](#) 30th in the nation to do business, slipping from 27th in 2013.

House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett)

"New Hampshire's strength has always been attracting and retaining business. This should serve as a red flag that the next legislature must work diligently to improve New Hampshire's business climate in order to ensure the high ranking we enjoyed in previous years. Republicans have fought back as the current majority sought to suspend several business initiatives that were passed by the previous legislature, however the majority continued to over spend and over regulate businesses in New Hampshire causing us to slip from 19th to 27th in 2013 and 27th to 30th in 2014. This is unacceptable."

"There should be a serious focus on making this state more business friendly. We should be meeting with businesses to see what they need to thrive in New Hampshire, and not pass laws based on what we think they need. We need to compete regionally and nationally in order for businesses to locate, grow and create jobs here in New Hampshire. Our long term economic viability depends on it."

Important Dates & Events

08/20/2014 First Receipt/Expenditure Report due for candidates

09/15/2014 First day for incumbents running for reelection to file LSRs

09/26/2014 Last day prior to the General Election for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs

10/31/2014 Last day to file 2014 Interim Study reports

11/12/2014 First day for all Representatives to file LSRs

ICYMI: MA Buffer Zone Law Ruled Unconstitutional by US Supreme Court

On Thursday the [US Supreme Court ruled](#) that a MA bill establishing a buffer zone around reproductive health facility entrances is unconstitutional.

A similar law in NH was recently signed by Gov. Hassan and will take effect on July 10th. It has yet to be seen if NH's law will be affected by the Supreme Court ruling.

SB 319 passed the House 162-100 in May and was signed by Gov. Hassan on June 10th.

ICYMI: Merrimack Toll on Exit 12 to be Removed as Part of SB 369

[DOT announced](#) this past week that the toll plaza on exit 12 in Merrimack will shut down effective July 18th.

According to DOT, the removal of the toll booth will take several months and cost roughly \$560,000.

The removal of the exit 12 toll plaza in Merrimack was part of SB 369. The other part of the bill, an increase in the gas tax by 4.2 cents will take effect July 1st.

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Note from the Republican Leader:

House Republicans & Friends,

I'd like to thank all 437 Republican candidates who have filed to run for the NH House of Representatives. With this past week's news from CNBC that NH has fallen from 19th in the nation to do business in 2012 to 30th in 2014, now more than ever it is important that Republicans regain the majority in the House. Falling more than 10 spots in 2 years under the Democrat majority is unacceptable and it's up to us to reverse the damage.

The House Republican Office is here to help. Throughout the summer we will be providing talking points to candidates on the egregious bills that the Democrats passed that hurt NH businesses and taxpayers.

As always, if you need any help or have any questions, please contact the office at 603-271-3665 or send us an email at houserepublicans@leg.state.nh.us.

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