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CHIEF EXECUTIVE MAG: NH RANKS 21st FOR BIZ

Last week, Chief Executive Magazine released their annual 'Best and Worst States' for business. While New Hampshire fares well against regional competitors, the Granite State still ranks a dim 21st nationally.

Specific to New Hampshire, the report states that, "Executives report that New Hampshire has a high quality workforce, along with a family friendly living environment, but the economy has stagnated."

Other New England states ranked lower: Connecticut 45, Maine 30, Massachusetts 46, Rhode Island 37, Vermont 41.

This is the magazine's 11th year publishing the results of their annual survey that they say, "clearly show that CEOs favor states that foster growth through progressive business development programs, low taxes and a quality living environment."

In 2014, CNBC ranked New Hampshire 30th in the nation, while Forbes ranked us 35th.

Details of the Chief Executive Magazine survey were not immediately available.

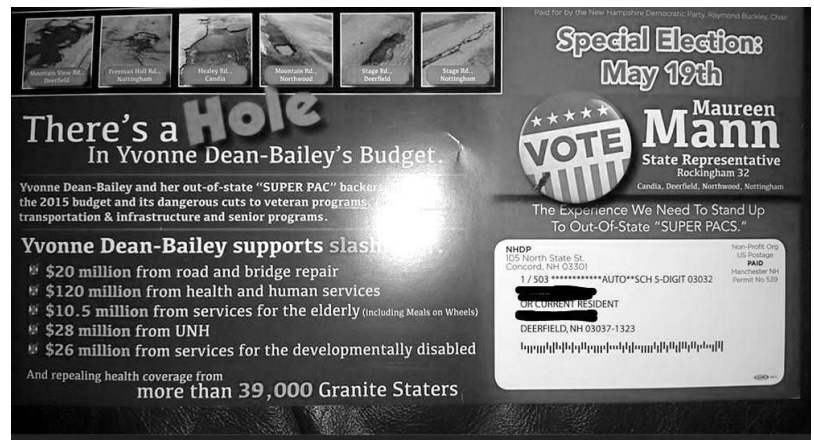
NH DEMS PREVIEW 2016 ELECTION MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN

Attack Mail Against Dean-Bailey Shows Blatant Disregard for Facts on House Budget

DEERFIELD - Voters in Rockingham District 32 began receiving misleading mail over the last week rehashing the blatantly incorrect spending comparisons we heard during the House budget debate in March and April.

In a sure sign of desperation, the New Hampshire Democrat Party attacks Republican candidate Yvonne Dean-Bailey for a budget she was unable to vote for or against, since she is not a current House member.

A photo of the mail piece was obtained late last week by the Republican Review (pictured below) and is rebutted on pg 2.



The next House session will be at the call of the Speaker. It is not anticipated that there will be another session until June 3 or June 4, 2015.

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RESPONSES TO DESPERATE NHDP MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN MAIL

NHDP Claim: "... supports slashing \$20 million from road and bridge repair."

Response: Under the New Hampshire House budget proposal, towns and cities will not see any decrease in municipal aid. It contains \$14 million over the biennium for municipal bridge aid. The House budget maintains vital DOT services and programs without an increase in the gas tax or hike vehicle registration fees, unlike Gov. Hassan's proposal.

NHDP Claim: "... supports slashing \$120 million from Health and Human Services."

Response: The House budget increases overall funding for the Department of Health and Human Services by \$141 million. In total, \$4.1 billion dollars will be allocated to the Department over the biennium, which represents almost 40% of the entire state budget. The House budget proposal spends more on Health and Human Services than any other budget in New Hampshire history.

NHDP Claim: "... supports slashing \$10.5 million from services for the elderly (including Meals on Wheels.)"

Response: The House budget makes careful and responsible spending reductions, in part as a result of consolidation of services and/or eliminating duplication of services, which results in significant savings. The House budget proposal spends more on Health and Human Services than any other budget in New Hampshire history.

On March 26th, HHS Commissioner Toumpas submitted a letter to the House Finance Committee, "The Department of Health and Human Services will prioritize the home delivered meals services within the proposed funding level. The Department can and will get approval from the federal government or Fiscal committee if required."

NHDP Claim: "... supports slashing \$28 million from UNH."

Response: First of all, the budget appropriation is not specific to UNH, it is for the University System, which includes Keene and Plymouth campuses. The House budget appropriates \$153 million for the biennium to USNH, which matches the amount they received in the current operating budget.

On September 4, 2013 UNH Student Body President [presented Governor Hassan with a Thank You Card for](#), "restoring funding and freezing in-state tuition," after the Senate Republican budget she signed appropriated \$153 million to the University System for FY14-15, the same amount as the proposed House budget.

NHDP Claim: "... supports slashing \$26 million from developmentally disabled."

Response: The House budget combines the Medicaid Waiver Service appropriations with the appropriations for the waiting lists to provide the Department more program flexibility to provide services to the developmentally disabled. In total, the House budget provides \$474 million in total funds for the Division of Developmental Services in the FY 2016- 2017 biennium (HB1 page 723) versus \$449 million in the current operating budget (2013 HB1 page 618).

NHDP Claim: "... supports repealing healthcare for 39,000 Granite Staters."

Response: The New Hampshire Health Protection Program (a.k.a. Medicaid Expansion), as signed into law by Gov. Hassan, has a sunset date of December 31, 2016. The House budget does nothing to change the existing law. There is nothing in the House budget "repealing" health care. In fact, Democrat candidate Maureen Mann supported the bill (SB413) that contained the sunset date. In addition, many of the enrollees in the NHHP have access to health care insurance through their employer.

Rouillard Named Assistant Majority Whip

Last week, Goffstown Republican Rep. Claire Rouillard was appointed Assistant Majority Whip. Rep. Rouillard is a member of the Judiciary Committee and also serves as committee whip.

Claire and her husband, David, have lived in Goffstown for over 30 years. While raising her family, Claire earned her law degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law. She has been a licensed attorney in the State of New Hampshire since 1992.

Claire has served as a member of the Goffstown Planning Board, co-chaired Goffstown's Capitol Improvement Committee, and was a member of the Goffstown Master Plan Committee, serving as co-chair of the Housing Section. Claire is a current member of the Goffstown Lion's Club. Claire has been a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, building homes for families.



ROCKINGHAM 32 SPECIAL ELECTION

DEAN-BAILEY WORKING TOWARDS VICTORY

Yvonne Dean-Bailey, Republican nominee for the special election in Rockingham District 32 (Candia, Deerfield, Northwood, Nottingham) needs your help in the final weeks before election day on May 19th.

We can build on the momentum by helping Yvonne defeat Democrat Maureen Mann.

Do you have a spare afternoon or even a few hours to help contact voters in Yvonne's district? The NHGOP is coordinating grassroots voter outreach efforts.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call Todd at 603-225-9341 or via email at todd@nhgop.org.



Yvonne Dean-Bailey

HOUSE CONTINUING EDUCATION

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Representatives Hall, State House, Concord, NH

Briefing on SB 221

(relative to electric rate reduction financing.)

IMPORTANT DATES

May 19	Rockingham District 32 Special Election
May 27	House Continuing Education on SB221
May 28	Last day to report all remaining Senate Bills
June 4	Last day to act on Senate Bills
June 11	Last day to form Committees of Conference
June 18	Last day to sign Committee of Conference Reports
June 25	Last day to act on Committee of Conference Reports

House Business Caucus and Concord Chamber Sponsor 3rd Business Roundtable in Presidential Candidate Series

CONCORD—The New Hampshire House Business Caucus, in partnership with the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, will host its third Business Roundtable with a potential candidate for the office of President on Thursday, May 21, at 8 am at The Draft restaurant, 67 South Main Street, in Concord. The featured speaker, and likely candidate, will be former Governor of Florida, Jeb Bush.

"The interest level is strong and continues to build as we invite local business owners and state representatives to join us and hear the about the candidates' specific ideas for improving the business climate and economy," said New Hampshire House Business Caucus founder and Chair, Rep. Laurie Sanborn.

The event is free, but space is limited and RSVPs are required by May 18, 2015. For more information on this or future Business Roundtables, or to RSVP, please contact Representative Sanborn at RepSanborn@gmail.com

ELECTION INTEGRITY BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Evidence mounting that voter ID & SB179 provisions necessary

We wanted to highlight two pieces of news this week highlighting the importance of legislation preserving the integrity of our elections. Putting the WMUR and Telegraph pieces quoted below together, one could reasonably deduce that one or more races for state representative that were tied or had a margin of single digits could have had a different outcome if ballots were cast in those districts by “drive-by voters” or voters who have yet to confirm their identity/residency via postcards.

Nashua Telegraph - Monday, May 11, 2015:

“Almost 700 ballots cast in the state primary and general elections in 2014 involved voters who did not show a photo ID and have not returned postcards confirming their identity, a situation that may be declining but is far from disappearing.”

[\(Article Link\)](#)

WMUR TV - Monday, May 11, 2015:

Supporters of SB 179 said it would safeguard the integrity of New Hampshire elections...

When Vice President Joe Biden's niece, Alana Biden, cast a ballot in New Hampshire in 2012 after a short campaign stint, she didn't break the letter of the law, but many think she violated the spirit of it.

"When that happens, it hurts all of our votes," Sen. Sharon Carson, R-Hudson, said. "It disenfranchises the people that really live here."

Carson sponsored the bill, which states that in order to vote in New Hampshire, a person has to be domiciled in the state for no less than 30 consecutive days before any election.

There currently is no such requirement, and while Biden's niece is a high-profile example, Gardner said taking advantage of the law is nothing new.

"We've had examples of abuses in the past, and we've never liked that," he said.

Gardner said he likes the new proposal, particularly a House amendment that makes it clear that "working on political campaigns is not sufficient evidence" to make someone eligible to vote in New Hampshire.

He said it doesn't take much to swing state-level races.

"We had three ties in the last election cycle, one in the primary and two in the general election," he said. "And we had six other recounts that were in the single digits."

[\(Story/Video Link\)](#)