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**State Representatives  
Merrimack District 5  
Vote for two**

**Ken Wells  
Democratic Party**

I'm Ken Wells, and I'm seeking re-election as your State Representative. You might ask, "Why, in these crazy times, would any reasonable person step up to do this?" A fair question...



In one way or another, I've spent most of my adult life helping others. I reject the idea that

the rules of life must be arranged so that for one person to gain, another must lose. I believe we can all win together, by supporting communities, fairness, education, and truth.

Our state legislature plays a strong role in setting the rules we live by, and I've demonstrated the determination and persuasive skills to play a leading role in that legislative process.

I'm lucky to have a wonderfully wide experience: I've done factory and construction labor. I've driven advances in classrooms and laboratories. Both are hard work, in different ways. As a teacher, I've shared what I know about dozens of topics ranging from carpentry to calculus, and I've provided advice and support to kids and their families as they navigate some of the biggest challenges in their lives.

I served previously in the New Hampshire House from 2018 to 2020, being the prime sponsor and author of

six pieces of legislation and co-author of a seventh. Five of these bills passed the House and Senate, only to be vetoed by the Governor. We would have seen laws to limit dark money in New Hampshire politics and laws to make our energy cheaper and cleaner.

Please send me back to the House to complete this work!

**Lorna Carlisle  
Democratic Party**

I am Lorna Carlisle, and I am running for one of the two positions for District 5 (Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster). I was in sales my entire career. My skills at negotiating, listening, innovating, etc. will be essential for work as a State Representative. (I retired in 2021.)



This is a critical time for our democracy. It is imperative that people vote to have their voices heard. Let's make voting more efficient and user-friendly.

Local politics can affect our lives in so many ways. I'm very concerned about supporting our public schools and teachers. Books should not be banned. We should encourage our children to read as much as possible so that they hopefully become life-long readers and learners.

Science should be trusted. Schools should expand offerings, not limit them. This is a changing world, and our students need to expand their understanding of the world.

We should also enshrine a woman's right to self-determination on her healthcare and on when to start a family and allow her and her doctor to make decisions without government interference. I believe we should respect everyone's rights – especially the LGBTQIA+ community.

As a full-time farmer, I see the direct implications of climate change: droughts, erratic weather patterns, and higher temperatures for longer periods of time.

**Deborah Aylward  
Republican Party**

The political world can be cutthroat, and being a legislator is not for the faint of heart. Solving complex, real-world problems for people from all walks of life, many of whom faced the darkest days of their lives, I stood between my private investi-



gation clients and threats of imminent harm while operating in dangerous field conditions.

Being successful also required a calm but assertive demeanor, along with a show of courage and humanity to survive in a male-dominated occupation where the competition was often ruthless.

There is an urgent need for aggressive action to be taken on behalf of citizens who will struggle to keep the lights on and stay warm this winter, which is unprecedented and of deep concern. Our grid's reliable capacity is declining while demand is increasing, which is causing human crises. So far, and though having every opportunity, my opponents' have failed to take a stance on this grave issue, which is very telling.

The chaotic state of energy costs must be thwarted, and time is of the essence. Intending to firmly stand between constituents and threats to their well-being brought by high-pressure special interest groups, I will support a common-sense energy policy that achieves measurable relief.

Voters have but one job to do, and that's to elect a principled candidate having a strong moral compass; who will listen to her God-given (and therefore, never wrong) conscience to perform for the common good. I am that candidate and thank you in advance for your votes.

**Louise Andrus  
Republican Party**

I am a native New Hampshire conservative candidate and the incumbent in the House of Representatives for Merrimack County District 1: Andover, Danbury, and Salisbury (one seat).



Due to re-districting, I will now be a candidate for District 5: Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster (two seats).

I am not a politician. Rather, I work for the citizens of New Hampshire. I extremely like and enjoy serving the people of my district here and now, while preserving New Hampshire for future generations. My voting record can be found at the New Hampshire General Court website.

My positions have been and continue to be: pro life, pro second amendment, pro law enforcement, pro veteran, pro gun, pro school choice, pro limited government, and pro small business.

I will always defend and uphold the United States and the New Hampshire Constitutions. I am a voice for the citizens of my district and fight for all citizens on the "Live Free or Die" motto we stand for.

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