

LETTERS

Vote for Aylward

Over the past few months I have spent time talking with Deborah Aylward, who is one of two Republicans seeking election to the two State Representative District Five positions, which includes Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Hill, and Webster.

Deborah Aylward is a former detective agency owner who specialized in the difficult cases of child abduction and missing children. I have seen many letters from clients, other private detectives, and law enforcement praising her dedication and hard work to reunite children with their parents, as well as her kindness, understanding and tenacity in helping them deal with these life shattering situations. She was a pioneer in modernizing work in this field, and formed Homefires, a non-profit organization dedicated to the search for missing children and family reunification at no charge.

Deborah went beyond working on her own cases to selflessly help others with

this work. She authored a guide to public records on criminal offenders, and then donated the guide to be used online by the others. Deborah Aylward, along with Louise Andrus, has shown dedication to both the primacy of the family and to enforcement of the law, which qualifies them to be outstanding state representatives. Please vote for both.

Charles Baer
Andover

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I have had the privilege of getting to know Deborah Aylward personally and can say for a fact that she is not all talk, but a woman of action. Besides standing up for the citizens of Hill who were opposed to a proposed gravel pit, I am aware of her interacting with state agency personnel, use of sound judgment, and diplomacy.

As of the end of September, she is the only candidate who has shown up at
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Economic Liberty

The only proper role of government in the economic realm is to protect property rights, adjudicate disputes, and provide a legal framework in which voluntary trade is protected.

All efforts by government to redistribute wealth, or to control or manage trade, are improper in a free society.

Libertarians would free property owners from government restrictions on their rights to control and enjoy their property, as long as their choices do not harm or infringe on the rights of others.

We oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production.

Government Finance and Spending

We call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution.

We support any initiative to reduce or abolish any tax, and oppose any increase on any tax for any reason.

To the extent possible, we advocate that all public services be funded or allowed to be provided in a voluntary manner.

Licensing

We oppose occupational and other licensing laws that infringe on the right to earn an honest and peaceful living or treat it as a state-granted privilege.

Education

Recognizing that the education of children is a parental responsibility, we would restore authority to parents to determine the education of their children, without interference from government.

Parents should have control of and responsibility for all funds expended for their children's education.

Health Care

Medical facilities, medical providers,

and medical products (including drugs) must be freely available in the marketplace without government restrictions or licenses. We oppose governments either mandating, or restricting voluntary access to, medical treatments or procedures including vaccines.

Retirement and Income Security

Retirement planning is the responsibility of the individual, not the government. Libertarians would phase out the current government-sponsored Social Security system and transition to a private voluntary system. We believe members of society will become even more charitable and civil society will be strengthened as government reduces its activity in this realm.

Crime and Justice

We favor the repeal of all laws creating "crimes" without victims, such as gambling, the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes, and consensual transactions involving sexual services.

Death Penalty: We oppose the administration of the death penalty by the state.

Environment

Competitive free markets and property rights stimulate the technological innovations and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air, and wildlife. Where damages can be proven and quantified in a court of law, restitution to the injured parties must be required.

National Defense

We support the maintenance of a sufficient military to defend the United States against aggression. The United States should both avoid entangling alliances and abandon its attempts to act as policeman for the world. We oppose any form of compulsory national service.

International Affairs

We would end the current U.S. government policies of foreign intervention including military and economic aid; tariffs; economic sanctions; and regime change. We condemn the use of force, and especially the use of terrorism, against the innocent, regardless of whether such acts are committed by governments or by political or revolutionary groups.

Free Trade and Migration

Political freedom and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be unreasonably constrained by government in the crossing of political boundaries.

The mission of *The Andover Beacon* is to serve and strengthen the Andover community. To that end, we welcome (by the 15th!) civil, reasoned letters addressing specifically local issues, events, and developments. Submissions must not be critical of another's religion; blasphemous; obscene; hateful; legally objectionable; or commercial in nature. The *Beacon* reserves the right to edit or not publish submissions it deems inappropriate for any reason. You'll find a much longer discussion of what we consider civil and reasoned, and why, at AndoverBeacon.com/Letters. Please read it carefully before you write!

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Women's Health

The best, where it matters most.

Women seeking care at New London Hospital (NLH) and Newport Health Center have a compassionate advocate in Stephanie L. Schmidt, MSN, APRN.

She recently joined the Women's Health Department after serving as a nurse practitioner on the Obstetrics & Gynecology (OB/GYN) team at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) since 2019.

To schedule an appointment with Schmidt, contact the Newport Health Center at (603) 863-1274.



New London Hospital



"I can better manage women's care working in a smaller environment, where I can build trusted relationships with my patients."

-Stephanie L. Schmidt, MSN, APRN

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