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Amy Lefebvre reported that her dad seems like a different person while holding or playing with him.

I thought Gavin was handsome, alert, and curious. Thanks Martha, Sharon, and Rene for bringing the little guy to the firehouse, and for all the work family members contribute to the dinner and all year.

Connie Ressler

As a candidate for the 5th Senate District, I have spent the last four months knocking on doors and calling on citizens of the 14 cities and towns that make up the district to introduce myself. As the Republican nominee, I am running to serve the individuals, towns, businesses, cities, and the State of New Hampshire, not special interests.

With so many of our neighbors in financial difficulty, struggling to pay bills, why are our elected officials spending more money – a 22.8% increase from 2006? Why are they creating new programs with no funding? Why are many of the new and increased fees and taxes (64 of them) targeted at the low- and middle-income residents? How can our elected officials justify shifting costs from the state to the counties and onto local property taxes (over \$100 million)?

Our court system has started to collapse; health and human services are underfunded; and the state retirement

system is underfunded by \$4 billion. The quality of state services has declined so far in the last eight years that we are ranked 50th by the Pew Charitable Trusts' Government Performance Project.

If elected, I will introduce legislation and vote to repeal all unfunded or underfunded mandates on counties, cities, and towns. Those few that are required by federal law I will fight for full funding.

I will fight to end the current practice of creating and adding special fees to necessities like vehicle registrations. I will also work to empower local authorities to provide limited healthcare services to residents. I will work to find private funding for mobile dental services across our state and to build public/private ventures to address other serious problems facing our state.

I want to simplify our state government, make it easier and less expensive to start a business, define terms like "Balanced Budget," and ensure that those paying the taxes have a say in how they are spent. I will protect the rights, freedoms, and privacy of all New Hampshire's citizens.

Sincerely,

Jim Danforth

Republican Nominee for the New Hampshire Senate, District 5
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I would like to say thank you to the folks who voted for me (and who voted at all!).

We still have until November before we can get the State House out of the grasp of folks who spend like drunken sailors. We need to do this. Our lone Republican representative can't do it herself (although she's trying – let's give her some back-up).

November is a bit far away, but I'll still ask for one of the six votes you are allowed to cast. Let's wean Concord from its spending addiction. As much as the Democrats want an income tax or sales tax in order to eliminate the New Hampshire Advantage, we can't have that.

It's the spending...

Sean C. Cox

Live Free or Die

Congratulations, Democrats! You came out to vote and made a difference.

We now have Annie Kuster in the race for 2nd Congressional District, primed and pumped and ready to run against Republican Charlie Bass.

The November vote is more important than ever, especially if we Democrats want to advance President Obama's agenda in Washington. Health care reform is working and will continue benefiting Americans as more programs come online in the next few years.

And let's keep Paul Hodes in our nation's capital, too, as he campaigns for the US Senate, after vacating his House seat. Just imagine these two speaking
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Bullying from page 5

Parents and students may be concerned about an invasion of privacy. All recordings will be made in a secured device which will be accessed only by authorized personnel involved in an incident investigation.

Incidents will be marked by the bus driver by pushing a button to mark its time, the only control available to the drivers. This marked section would be the only section of the recording to be reviewed. All other recordings are to be eliminated after 10 days by recording over them.

At the public hearing conducted by the Merrimack Valley School District a month ago, most people, including the bus drivers in attendance, welcomed the advanced recording capabilities. One bus driver's comments described the audio/visual devices as:

- providing another pair of ears and eyes
- yielding objective, unbiased data
- identifying the right person for proper discipline

Both video and audio recordings are now being made on Merrimack Valley School District buses.

For copies of the proposed policy, stop by the AE/MS office.

For a copy of the New Hampshire regulation and more information, visit the Web site of the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration, HRSA.gov, or BullyPolice.org.

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MERRIMACK COUNTY COMMISSIONER

• **Proven FISCAL CONSERVATIVE**

We are in the worst financial crisis since the great depression. Federal and State governments continue to pass unfunded mandates to the County level. I will fight any increase in taxes.

• **I will be a FULL TIME COMMISSIONER**

I don't go to Florida in the winter. I will be here to represent you.

• **I will advocate for NO INCREASE IN PAY for the County Commissioners.**

I never have and never will ask for a pay increase.

Suzanne Whiting, Franklin NH – Fiscal Agent

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