

## Researching Claims at Election Time

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There is so much information flying around at election time that I wanted to give some factual background on some of the claims I have heard.

As a general rule, I like to find out about a candidate by checking their voting record. A good way to do this for federal candidates is to go to RollCallVotes.com; for State candidates, go to GenCourt.State.NH.us/NHGCrollcalls.

**Out of control spending** – overspent by \$800 million. This one has been around for awhile and refers to the budget presented to the Legislature elected in 2010. The New Hampshire Constitution requires that every budget be balanced. In the 2008-2010 state budget, New Hampshire received close to \$800 million in one-time Federal stimulus money. This was spending that had no revenue stream from New Hampshire taxes.

Therefore, if we spent the same amount the next biennium, there would be a deficit. But the same amount was not going to be spent, because it all went to one-time efforts to boost education, transportation, the environment, health, business, and community projects. You can see where the money went – by county and by category of spending – at NHvieww.NH.gov/oes. This claim got national attention when Politifact gave it a “False” rating at TinyURL.com/d7vt7q4.

**Corporate taxes** hurt the business climate and must be reduced. Usually these claims reference the studies done by the Tax Foundation and CNBC.

The Tax Foundation State Business Climate Index at TaxFoundation.org/article/2014-state-business-tax-climate-index uses five separate categories to rank the states and come up with an overall Best Tax Climate ranking. The five categories are:

- corporate tax rate
- individual income tax rate
- sales tax rank
- unemployment insurance tax rank
- property tax rank

It is true that New Hampshire comes in at #48 in the corporate tax rank, but high rankings in the income tax and sales tax categories give New Hampshire an overall rank of #8. It is also important to note that problems with infrastructure brought

down the New Hampshire ranking. This is what the current legislature is trying to fix with the increase in the gasoline tax.

In perspective, our neighboring states’ rankings were: Massachusetts, 25; Vermont, 45; Maine, 29; Connecticut, 42; and Rhode Island, 46.

What is most interesting in the CNBC study at CNBC.com/id/101758236 is seeing that a high rank for business climate does not translate into high ranking for quality of life for state residents. New Hampshire ranks high for quality of life.

**Obama eliminated the work requirement** for welfare recipients. In 2006, Congress rewrote the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program and took away state flexibility on how to help families move from assistance to employment. What Obama did was keep the work requirement but give states the opportunity to request a waiver and get back their flexibility. See TinyURL.com/9yfgtfg for details.

**Obamacare.** The excellent Web site at HealthInsurance.org/new\_hampshire-state-health-insurance-exchange can answer all your questions. Five carriers offering about 50 plans covering all 26 New Hampshire hospitals will begin enrollment on November 15.

The state estimated that 50,000 people would be eligible for coverage under expanded Medicaid.

**New Hampshire is a great place to live.** The latest study released this month by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development designates New Hampshire as the best state to live. See TinyURL.com/kjj6ges. The Annie B. Casey Report ranks New Hampshire #2 as the best state to raise a child.

Unlike Free Staters, Tea Party candidates, and those endorsed by the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance, candidates who understand New Hampshire and form their opinions by listening to constituents are the ones who have always worked in a bipartisan manner to solve the issues facing New Hampshire. Please vote to elect those dedicated people: Maggie Hassan, Jeanne Shaheen, Annie Kuster, David Karrick, Mario Ratzki, Michael Cryans, Kathi Guay, Jane Bradstreet, and Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh.

## Common Core State Standards Restrict Students and Teachers

Terry Cox, of Webster

Senator Andrew Hosmer wants New Hampshire to adopt Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These standards very profoundly restrict students and teachers:

- New Hampshire, and therefore parents, abandon local control over curricula and standards which measure academic standings. Parents’ rights to oversee their children’s education are stolen. Students’ rights to be prepared for the ever-more complex world are stolen as well.

- Teacher evaluations are linked to student performance on standardized tests, regardless of the type of students the teacher has. Reputations are held ransom to “teaching to the test.” This clearly marginalizes the teaching profession and pits teachers against students.

- CCSS does not prepare students for worldwide job competition. James Milgram, officially voting against

CCSS, said it will put them behind instead. The US used to be tops in education worldwide; how low will we become with CCSS?

- CCSS poorly prepares students for four-year colleges needed to enter graduate schools and get the higher-paying jobs. The man who drafted CCSS’ math standards said college “readiness” is minimal. This creates distinct disadvantages in competing for these college slots. CCSS math does not even prepare for college calculus without remedial courses! (Source: RestoreCAEducation.com)

Every single New Hampshire student has a right to expect education that prepares him or her for any vocation or further education he or she wants. No exceptions. They don’t need inferior federal standards to compete.

A vote for Senator Hosmer is a vote for CCSS. A vote for Kathy Rago will stop the stranglehold that is CCSS.

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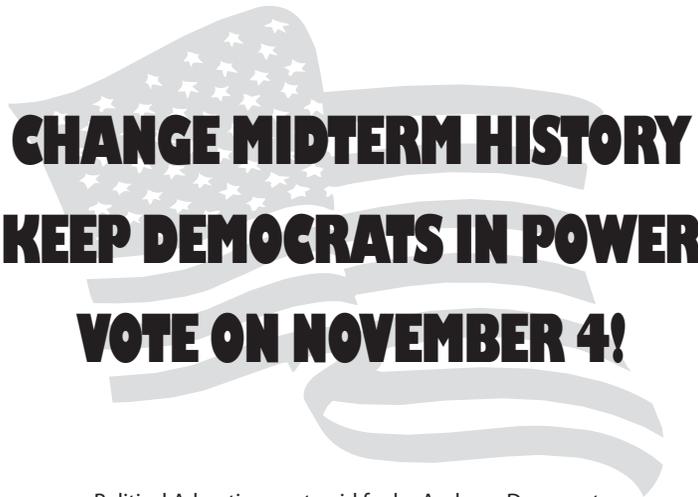
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My financial experience works for you on Ways & Means

My priorities are:

- Providing services for working families and seniors
- An educated workforce, creating competitive jobs
- Returning meaningful revenue from the State to our towns

I've served Warner in many Offices, including two terms as Selectman

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