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running against two smart and capable women – Bianca Acebron Peco in the Democratic primary and Natalie Wells in the general election. Bianca is a young, native Granite Stater, who has a bright future ahead of her in politics. Natalie is committed to our communities. And while I believe that competitive elections strengthen our democracy, I also believe that I'm the best candidate for these tough times.

I don't have to tell you that we are facing many challenges as a state and a nation. In the two years since I served in the legislature, I've seen local and school taxes rise, overwhelming young families and seniors, even as Governor Sununu and the Republicans gave away \$100 million in tax cuts to the wealthiest 3 percent of corporations. I've watched the state go back on its commitment to help fund the retirement of police, firefighters, teachers and other public servants – and guarantee universal kindergarten for our children. I've seen our communities continue to be ravaged and hollowed out by the opioid epidemic.

And on a national level, I've joined so many other Granite Staters who have spoken out and protested against the Trump administration's horrific and inhumane policies—particularly when it comes to families on our southern border.

In these tough times, experience and resolve matter. I have the experience to hit the ground running in 2019. I have the resolve, acquired through my years as a parent/grandparent, financial analyst and public servant, to keep fighting until I see real change in Concord and in Washington.

Together with my colleagues, I would begin with these priorities:

- Restore revenue sharing by the state, which was suspended in 2010 (that includes bringing back the sharing of meals and room tax revenues at the statutorily set rate of 40 percent).
- Restore the state's 35 percent contribution to the retirement costs of our local police, teachers, firefighters and other town employees.
- Increase school building aid and strengthen security for children at our schools while finding a workable way to decrease access to deadly weapons.
- Increase aid to towns for the repair and replacement of red-listed bridges.
- Focus on the safety of children and at-risk families.
- Bring back our once-envied mental health services.
- Increase opioid and other substance abuse treatment.

We also need affordable education from kindergarten through college for today's high technology jobs, high-speed internet access for all our towns, affordable housing for young and old, conservation of our beautiful environment, and clean efficient energy, such as solar.

There is so much I'd like to accomplish for the people of our state. There's so much I can accomplish, with your help. In the weeks and months to come, I hope you will join me as I campaign throughout our district. I'd like to hear what you are looking for from your representative and what you need to see happen in Concord. You can find my campaign page on Facebook or you can email me at: electdavidkarrick@gmail.com.

Together, we can build a government that works for the well-being of all of our citizens—young and old—instead of the privileged and the wealthy few. Together, we can make New Hampshire work for all of us.

Natalie Wells (R) District 25

I thank everyone who came out to vote on Primary Day. However, I want to stress the importance of our 2018 Election. It's not just about the "person on the ballot", it is about our NH values and principles we as a state stand for.

I was informed that someone shouldn't vote for me because I'm for big "Corporations". To that I say, "Are you glad to see NH back on the map with an abundance of 18,000 jobs available for employment?" Are you glad to see how the Republicans removed burdensome regulations on small businesses while reducing the business profit and enterprise taxes? These equate to small business having the confidence in their government, investing in new and more efficient



equipment and hiring of more people. I was a small business owner myself and know first hand that if you are honest, hard-working, and make the customer your number one priority, your business will thrive and grow. Capitalism is the cornerstone of our country, and we're proud to work, support our families, and give back to society.

On September 13th "Veto Day", the House and Senate came together to vote for or against the Governor's vetoes. While I understand the information and statistics presented, and I also do not like to continue subsidizing companies over long spans, my vote went to override the veto on HB365. To the Corporations who own these Biomass plants, I say, get your act together and replace inefficient and antiquated equipment. The writing is on the wall.

The biggest issue for me was the trickle-down effect to all our logging farm neighbors. They have depended on this to feed their families. In just 3 years, the value of wood chips have gone from approximately \$30/ton down to \$23/ton. The more I spoke to local logging families in my 5-town radius, I knew I needed to support them.

In 2016, part of my campaign promise was to support small business and protect our family values. This bill would affect both these positions. Therefore, I am proud to have cast my vote for them.

My opponent thinks we have "difficult times ahead" and worries about tax cuts.

Fact: NH is leading the way in the lowest unemployment in 7 years.

Fact: Businesses are confident to invest and expand their businesses, new equipment, hire more people. We've been stagnant too long.

The Governor's veto on the Solar Bill (HB446), I did agree with. This bill would increase from a 1MW to a 5MW solar system. A company in Merrimack plans to build a 12-acre solar field. It will make up 3.1%MW's which can power a 554-acre campus, that's 3.1 not 5.

People are concerned about the environment and conservation. 12 acres of solar fields? What a scenic view. One farmer told me if he ever had solar panels on his hay fields, he would never hay there again!

If you take the time to research how to dispose of solar panels, you will discover the hazardous materials that make up their content. Talk to a fireman who has to go on roofs with these panels. You cannot disconnect the electricity produced by the sun. From a previous PUC employee, it will cost the ratepayers approximately \$20M/year more than the electricity could be purchased for in the wholesale market. Net metering: Someone has to pay, it is us, the ratepayer.

I hope I will see many of you out to vote on Tuesday, November 6th. Our "Live Free or Die" principles and values are under attack. We need to keep NH moving forward, but with the values and principles we were founded on.

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