

LETTERS

Believe the Facts

While listening to the January 6th Committee's investigations and testimonies from Trump's attorney general, Trump's White House lawyers, Trump's election campaign chairman, and the prominent Republican election lawyer in the United States, we witness firsthand the persistent lies and deceitful behavior of our 45th president. I began to feel sorry for fellow Andover residents who still believe and support the lies.

Fox News did not broadcast the first televised hearing (they started broadcasting subsequent hearings), so many local folks may still be in the dark about the truth about January 6th and former President Trump's actions. They should take in what powerful Republicans, members of the former administration, and Ivanka Trump are admitting under oath! Why not believe the facts being brought to light from current testimonies that former President Trump knew that he had lost the election?

How do Andover donors feel after learning that their financial support of some fabricated Election Defense Fund which, as we learned during a televised January 6th Committee hearing, did not exist but served to enrich the 45th and his inner circle by one quarter of a billion United States dollars? Mark Meadows, former White House Chief of Staff, got \$1 million out of it! And funds went to the Trump Hotel Foundation, etc. The purchase of flags, banners, and other marketing material has also contributed to the private coffers of number 45.

The time is overdue to take down the flags and posters that show commitment to a person who I believe has been shown to be dishonest. Better to be informed by listening to, or reading, the testimonies of those involved that declare the lies of our 45th president! No need to prolong gullibility by displaying to Andover townsfolk and those who pass through our town that you, too, fell for him.

Pecco Beauflays



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OPINION

Natalie Wells' View From Concord, June 2022

Natalie Wells, State Representative

As this House Session comes to an end, I want to thank all the constituents of Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Warner, and Webster for putting your trust in me as your State Representative these past two years and in 2016-2018. I say this now as my District will be changing to Warner, Bradford, and Henniker.

I'm highlighting a few bills that I feel will protect the New Hampshire citizen, give New Hampshire families choices for their children's education, voter integrity, and put an end to federal mandate restrictions.

Education, SB381: Will establish an office of the advocate for special education. Many parents of children with disabilities reached out to the legislators to have a bill pass that will allow an advocate to be a voice for them. These advocates will not be linked to any school district or Department of Education. They will provide annual reports to the Governor, the House, and the Senate with advice for improving services to families.

Education, SB234: Requiring student identification cards to include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline for public schools and institutions of higher education. It will also include the three-digit national suicide prevention hotline number, 988, that will be available across the United States starting on July 16. Any and all information is confidential and offers support for people in distress. It will be known as the Jason Dickey Suicide Prevention Act. The House was privileged to honor Jason's parents who appeared at our session with a unanimous passage of this bill.

Election Law, SB418: For Voter Integrity. Currently New Hampshire does not require a voter registering on Election Day to present any form of ID. They can be handed a ballot in exchange for signing a paper, the Affidavit Ballot, without any form of ID.

This bill requires anyone registering to vote on Election Day to present an ID, or they must vote using an Affidavit Ballot. They will have seven days to produce proper ID, or their ballot will be removed and the vote subtracted from the total. For military concerns, the Secretary of State testified his office can accommodate getting those ballots in a timely fashion.

In early May, the FDA announced plans to force one single COVID shot on everyone every year. However, New Hampshire Republican Representatives Osborne and Layon introduced an Amendment to HB407. This floor amendment adds HB1210. Without this passage, a New Hampshire citizen would not even have the choice of Moderna, Pfizer, or Johnson and Johnson; the FDA would only allow one. If New Hampshire were to comply, exemptions claimed for religious or medical reasons would not be allowed. Interestingly, the Amendment passed 162 to 153. However, with this Amendment attached, it passed 295 to 28. We have fought back for the New Hampshire people against federal mandates.

The Speaker of the House, Sherman Packard, stated, "while other states are wrestling with poor job growth and their struggling economies, New Hampshire is leading the way and is on track to a fully recovered economy pre-COVID. Our unemployment rate is at 2.5%, we have added 3,200 more jobs, and our labor force has grown by 1,960." This has all happened by a Republican legislature who believes in loosening burdensome business regulations and cutting taxes, which will benefit the hardworking men and women of the Granite State. Just like our own family's budgets, the state has remained fiscally responsible.

To summarize, the New Hampshire legislature had bills that were bipartisan, bills along party lines, but most importantly to me is that my vote was for the constituents who shared the same moral compass as did I. It has been a privilege to serve Merrimack 25. I've come to know many of you personally. We may not have agreed on certain bills, but respect was exchanged. I truly loved knocking on doors in all of your towns.

If anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me at 603 456-2873 or NatalieWells4NH@gmail.com. May you have a wonderful and thankful Fourth of July,

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