

**Letters from page 7**

“He provided a strong and effective voice for the North Country and our area (Upper Valley), as we all know.”

Please vote Mike Cryans for Executive Council, District 2 in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, September 13.

*Gerald Coogan*  
New London

**More Support for Mike Cryans**

I write, with enthusiasm, to support the candidacy of Mike Cryans, as he runs for the New Hampshire Executive Council, District 2, a post he has served before with great distinction.

Mike's qualities hardly need repeating. He is known for his honesty, integrity, and effectiveness as a leader.

Other laudable qualities include discipline, strength, commitment, willpower, perseverance, and stamina – all qualities that show up in his career as an Executive Councilor and are magnified by his long history as an elite runner.

Mike has been running regularly since turning 40 and has logged over 111,111 miles, the equivalent of going around the world more than four times over the last 31 years. His current streak

of running every day is over 11 and a half years, or 4,250 days. Mind-boggling!

Mike has and will bring all of these qualities serving as a member of the Executive Council, and for me, voting for Mike is a no-brainer.

Be sure to vote for Mike Cryans in the upcoming election to serve in the New Hampshire Executive Council.

*George Hathorn*  
Hanover

**Liberty for Whom?**

In my opinion, Representative Andrus displays the same blindness toward the abortion discussion as do some of her like-minded Republican associates. Early in her big ad, published in the August *Beacon*, she states that she is pro-life and pro-limited government.

Later she praises a definition of Liberty: “The quality or state of being free. The power to do as one pleases. The power of choice. Limited government.” Still later she says, “...I believe in being free and the power to make my own choices...”

Whether it is big government or small government that decrees abortion outlawed, one must ask where that freedom then goes for the 16-year old who doesn't want to have a baby? Where does it go for the 30-year old professional woman

who doesn't want a baby which will interfere with a promising career? Where does it go for the 40-year old mother with a house full of kids who thinks another one will be one too many?

I believe that any regulation blocking abortion represents an intrusion by government into women's freedoms. I don't know how Republicans, or anyone for that matter, are able to rationalize this conflict in their thinking.

*Bill Bardsley*  
Andover

**Again, Liberty for Whom?**

I'm Lorna Carlisle and I am running for State Representative. Unfortunately, the state of politics and the attacks on basic rights made me want to do something rather than just complain.

Many of the current Republicans claim they are for freedom, but if you dig deeper, in my opinion, their actions are actually taking away our freedom. Basic human rights, again in my opinion, for LGBTQ-IA+ are under attack. Roe v. Wade was reversed, and they don't plan to stop there. If women don't have control over their own healthcare choices and when and how to start a family, what's next?

Clarence Thomas already signaled

what's next. Do we want to go back to the days of segregation, no birth control for women, no marriage equality, etc.? Pro-life seems only to mean giving birth. After that you're on your own.

Democrats have been trying to pass legislation to protect our environment. I believe we have to make our best effort every day. Not give up. It's too important for future generations. That to me is Pro-Life. All life.

Growing up in rural New Hampshire I learned how to shoot, but I don't think people need assault rifles. Too many kids have been killed. Our public schools are under attack. Teachers deserve respect and not be questioned on their curriculum at every turn.

Republicans, and anyone else who is worried about their children seeing “inappropriate books”, should consider cell phone usage, and monitor social media and internet content. I think that these can be way more dangerous than books.

Public education is for the benefit of all. Personally, I don't feel that books are dangerous – they are a source of knowledge, wonder, and science. Future generations are our greatest hope. Let's make sure we protect their rights and the environment so they have a future.

*Lorna Carlisle*  
Salisbury





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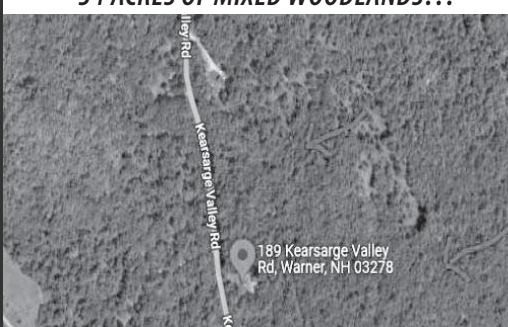
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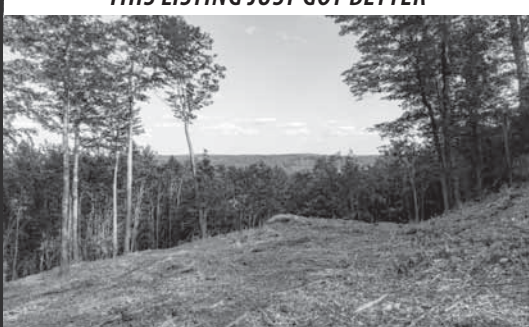
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