



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am excited to share with you that I am running for state representative in the Third Hampshire District (*my hometown* of Amherst, Pelham and Precinct 1 in Granby).

In 2016, I was elected to the Amherst School Committee and became Chair of the regional committee. It was an honor to help lead the district from which I graduated, even in a challenging time. Working collaboratively, and listening to educators, families and the community, we set priorities, found common ground and made progress. I intend to bring that same approach to Beacon Hill as your next state representative.

We face difficult challenges as a community and a region. Our schools are chronically underfunded by the state and we need reliable support for public transit, our roads and bridges, and family programs that ensure those in need have food, housing, and healthcare. Our region quite simply needs more from Boston, and it needs a representative who is focused on our needs and has the proven skills and experience to get the job done.

As the state's first Assistant Secretary for Innovation Policy, I worked with former Governor Deval Patrick to create programs and initiatives focused on economic and community revitalization in towns throughout the state. Our approach was open, inclusive and focused on getting results.

In Massachusetts, we need to reimagine and rededicate ourselves to a Commonwealth that works for all of us. I pledge to work with legislators on Beacon Hill to fully fund our public schools, establish universal pre-school, and a world-class community college and UMass system that offers affordable life-long learning.

To reduce income inequality, we must invest in public education, fix our roads and build a system of public transit – including East-West high-speed rail – that opens up our region to new job opportunities. I am committed to establishing single-payer healthcare, combatting climate change, and defending civil rights. With President Trump and his Republican allies blocking change in Washington, we must advance our progressive Democratic agenda here in Massachusetts.

I ask for your help – and your partnership – not only for this campaign, but for the larger effort to build the future we need. Please donate now, volunteer, and share this message with your friends. I look forward to meeting you and hearing your concerns and ideas.

Thank you,