

The Koch Brothers'

# GRANITE STATE PROJECT



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Charles and David Koch pour hundreds of millions of dollars into our political system to advance their self-enriching agenda and elect their puppet candidates. At the state and national level, the Kochs use their unlimited resources to influence policy to suit their political and personal needs while hurting middle class and working families. The policies they favor include cutting taxes for corporations and the wealthy; reducing and eliminating regulations to protect workers, consumers, and the environment; privatizing and cutting both Social Security and Medicare; and cutting other programs, including Pell Grants for college.

For decades, the Kochs and their network of dark money political front groups have been pushing the Koch agenda in New Hampshire — perhaps more than any other state in the country — which has benefitted billionaires like the Kochs at the expense of Granite Staters.

In 2016, New Hampshire will continue to be on center stage in American politics with the First In The Nation primary, a top-tier Senate race, marquee Congressional contests, an open governor's mansion, and a number of hot button issues in the limelight. At the same time, the Koch network has promised to spend nearly \$900 million to buy elections for candidates who will do their bidding for them.

The Kochs themselves admit they “expect something in return” for the millions they spend propping up their candidates, but for candidates, backing from the Kochs comes with a high price tag. There's clear evidence that the Kochs' support is a liability when voters know their motives and agenda. This report, *The Koch Brothers' Granite State Project: How the Radical Agenda of Out of State Big Oil Billionaires Has Hurt New Hampshire*, lays out the scope and motivations of the Koch network's actives and influence in New Hampshire.

The Kochs have tried to use New Hampshire as a pawn in service of their national agenda over and over again, dating back all the way to the late 1990s. The Koch networks' earliest known entry into New Hampshire politics was a push by Citizens for a Sound Economy — which later became Americans for Prosperity (AFP) — to privatize Social Security. Today, the Kochs' presence in New Hampshire runs wide and deep: from the influence of the New Hampshire chapter of AFP to the combined efforts of nearly every single Koch front group — Concerned Veterans for America, The LIBRE Initiative, Concerned Women for America, and others, which are spending millions and integrating into New Hampshire communities to push the Koch agenda.

The Kochs pride themselves on providing “financial fertilizer” for the Tea Party, which Charles Koch admitted may be the most ambitious plot unleashed on New Hampshire and the rest of the nation. In New Hampshire, the longtime leader of the state chapter of AFP held over 100 training sessions in two years, which were used to “channel” the energy of trainees in support of the Kochs' long-established agenda. AFP Honorary Chairman Tom Thomson boasted that their rallies were the biggest in the state and their well-financed group was the most effective Tea Party organizing group, “collecting the names of people who could be turned out to lobby their legislators.”

Thomson's father, Governor Mel Thomson, is considered to have issued the first modern anti-tax pledge — a simple promise to veto any sales or income tax. After the former governor's death in 2001, Tom Thomson continued the anti-tax pledge and became AFP's Honorary Chairman shortly after the group was established in the state. For years, litmus test after litmus test was added to the pledge, each plank serving the Koch agenda and requiring candidates to be beholden on a seemingly forever growing list of criteria. Beginning in 2011, presidential candidates were asked to sign “the pledge,” committing not just to oppose certain tax increase but also taking vows regarding energy, ending regulations, and securing the America's borders. By 2014, the state-level AFP pledge included a promise to “oppose Obamacare and Medicaid expansion” and pass— not support but pass — right-to-work legislation, yet another example of a state-level Koch group working against the interests of the state, which had “a lower unemployment rate and a stronger economy than most states with so-called right to work laws.”

When it comes to individual issues, AFP's pushing of the Koch agenda on the Granite State has been relentless. On election night 2008, as New Hampshire went for now-President Barack Obama, defeated a Republican senator to elect Senator Jeanne Shaheen, reelected a Democratic governor, and elected two Democratic members of Congress, Koch front group Americans for Prosperity vowed to oppose “cap-and-trade” and followed through with years' worth of robocalls, radio ads, and mail campaigns targeting even Republicans on the issue, which the state chapter declared a “top priority.”

Despite significant gains realized under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which reduced carbon emissions in the state by more than two million tons over four years, brought down the price of electricity, and generated over \$75 million in

revenue for the state, the Koch network has not relented in its opposition. The fact that New Hampshire would have to continue paying into the program while losing the benefit of the revenue produced by it if the Kochs had their way is irrelevant to them — Koch operatives admitted that the goal of this “top priority” in the state was to create pressure on Republican governors of other states to leave the program in order to cause the entire system to collapse, which, of course, would benefit the bottom lines of Koch Industries and big oil.

Perhaps the clearest example of the Koch political network working to fatten the pockets of Charles and David at the expense of New Hampshire families is their years of advocating cuts to LIHEAP, which even AFP-NH director Greg Moore said “provides funds for the poor to be able to purchase oil to warm their homes for the winter, which we know are often harsh in New Hampshire.” Yet months later, with winter approaching, Moore insisted all sequester cuts “must be kept in place,” including almost two million dollars in cuts to New Hampshire LIHEAP, directly affecting more than a thousand people that year alone and more than ten thousand over several years of reduced funding for the program.

Additionally, AFP-NH has spent years attacking Medicaid expansion, which benefited nearly 30,000 people who were previously uninsured, on the grounds that it was a “disincentive for people to work harder for fear of losing that benefit.” The Koch philosophy on health care is that poor people need “to work their way out of poverty and achieve prosperity.”

Across the country, the Koch network has a history of trying to hijack local organizations to advance their agenda, and the Free State Project, a secessionist movement with the stated goal of taking over New Hampshire’s government, is a prime example. The Koch network gave tens of thousands in grants to Jason Sorens, founder of the Free State Project. The Free State Project worked directly with Americans for Prosperity on “issues like taxes, spending, and Obamacare,” worked to promote the Koch agenda in a wide range of areas from separating education from the state to fighting any and all forms of regulation, and AFP even employs activists from the fringe group. Free State representatives gained a presence in the legislature as early as 2006 and worked to end requirements for weapons permits, school vaccinations, and home school curricula oversight.

Granite Staters have a record of rejecting Koch influence where they see it, from the federal down to the state level. In 2014, at least seven Koch-backed groups invested \$9 million or more in attacking Jeanne Shaheen and propping up former Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown. As the race tightened, ads from Democratic groups focused on Brown’s support for out-of-state big-oil billionaires like the Koch brothers and a commitment to advancing their agenda. As Granite Staters learned about the Kochs, and Scott Brown’s allegiance to them, the Kochs and Brown’s unfavorability rating rose. Shaheen went on to win reelection by nearly three points.

In Derry, after residents complained of scripted calls from out-of-staters disguised with an in-state number pushing them to turn out against eight referendum petitions on more spending and higher taxes to maintain the budget, the predominantly-Republican town defeated AFP on all eight issues. Republican State Rep. John O’Connor denounced the “dirty pool trick,” saying flat-out, “Americans for Prosperity is a scam.”

In 2016, GOP candidates’ Koch ties have already shown to be a liability, with vulnerable Republican Senator Kelly Ayotte, already the recipient of over \$1 million in ads from AFP, facing ads from Democratic groups for her record of putting the Kochs ahead of New Hampshire.

As the billionaire brothers attempt to buy another round of elections in 2016, Granite Staters know that the Kochs and their puppet candidates are only interested in what’s best for billionaires like them, not New Hampshire families.

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## KOCH INDUSTRIES'S NEW HAMPSHIRE IMPACT

### Georgia Pacific

#### GEORGIA PACIFIC HAS FOUR ENTITIES REGISTERED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**In 1959, Georgia Pacific LLC Registered In New Hampshire.** According to the New Hampshire Secretary of State, Georgia Pacific LLC registered in New Hampshire as a foreign corporation on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1959. As of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the company was in “good standing.” [New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

**In 2006, Georgia Pacific Corrugated LLC Registered In New Hampshire.** According to the New Hampshire Secretary of State, Georgia Pacific Corrugated LLC registered in New Hampshire as a foreign corporation on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006. As of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the company was in “good standing.” [New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

**In 2006, Georgia Pacific Gypsum LLC Registered In New Hampshire.** According to the New Hampshire Secretary of State, Georgia Pacific Gypsum LLC registered in New Hampshire as a foreign corporation on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006. As of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the company was in “good standing.” [New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

**In 2007, Georgia Pacific Consumer Products LP Registered In New Hampshire.** According to the New Hampshire Secretary of State, Georgia Pacific Consumer Products LP registered in New Hampshire as a foreign corporation on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007. As of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the company was listed as active. [New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

#### OSHA CITED GEORGIA PACIFIC FOR THREE SERIOUS VIOLATIONS WITH INITIAL FINES TOTALING \$17,000 FOR UNSAFE WORK CONDITIONS AND INSPECTION FAILURES

**In 2011, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum's Newington Facility Was Fined \$5,000 By The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) For A Serious Violation Involving The Care Of An Industrial Truck.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum's facility at 170 Shattuck Way Newington, NH was fined \$5,000 by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. The “serious” violation cited “19100178 P01 Powered industrial trucks.” According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's Regulations listings, “1910.178(p)(1) If at any time a powered industrial truck is found to be in need of repair, defective, or in any way unsafe, the truck shall be taken out of service until it has been restored to safe operating condition.” [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [5/23/11](#); Accessed [8/28/15](#)]

- **The Violation Was Ultimately Settled For \$3,750.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the penalty reached an informal settlement for \$3,750 on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [5/23/11](#)]

**In 2011, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum's Newington Facility Was Fined \$7,000 By The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) For A Serious Violation Involving Guarding A Machine From Hazards “Such As Those Created By Point Of Operation, Ingoing Nip Points, Rotating Parts, Flying Chips And Sparks.”** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum's facility at 170 Shattuck Way Newington, NH was fined \$7,000 by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. The “serious” violation cited “19100212 A01 General requirements for all machines.” According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's Regulations listings, “1910.212(a)(1) Types of guarding. One or more methods of machine guarding shall be provided to protect the operator and other employees in the machine area from hazards such as those created by point of operation, ingoing nip



points, rotating parts, flying chips and sparks. Examples of guarding methods are-barrier guards, two-hand tripping devices, electronic [sic] safety devices, etc.” [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [5/23/11](#); Accessed [8/28/15](#)]

- **The Violation Was Ultimately Settled For \$5,250.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the penalty reached an informal settlement for \$5,250 on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [5/23/11](#)]

**In 2011, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum’s Newington Facility Was Fined \$5,000 By The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) For A Serious Violation Involving The Inspection Of Industrial Trucks.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum’s facility at 170 Shattuck Way Newington, NH was fined \$5,000 by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. The “serious” violation cited “19100178 Q07 Powered industrial trucks.” According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration’s Regulations listings, “1910.178(q)(7) Industrial trucks shall be examined before being placed in service, and shall not be placed in service if the examination shows any condition adversely affecting the safety of the vehicle. Such examination shall be made at least daily. Where industrial trucks are used on a round-the-clock basis, they shall be examined after each shift. Defects when found shall be immediately reported and corrected.” [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [5/23/11](#); Accessed [8/28/15](#)]

- **The Violation Was Settled On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 For An Unknown Amount.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the penalty reached an informal settlement for an unknown amount on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [5/23/11](#)]

## Flint Hills

### THE KOCHS’ FLINT HILLS WAS NAMED IN AN MTBE POLLUTION LAWSUIT AND SETTLED WITH NH FOR \$350,000

**2011: Flint Hills Resources Paid \$350,000 To Settle Charges That It And Other Oil Companies Had Contaminated New Hampshire’s Groundwater.** According to the New Hampshire Business Review, “The decade-old lawsuit was filed by the administration of then-Gov. Craig Benson against 15 oil companies for contaminating the state's groundwater. All of the cases -- save the one against ExxonMobil -- have been settled. [...] Flint Hill Resources and Giant Oil broke the ice, paying \$350,000 each, followed by the first larger settlement - with BP Products - for \$2.4 million in January 2011. Five other others followed during the summer of 2011, with settlements totaling about \$6 million, half of that coming from Hess Corp. None of that money has any restrictions on it.” [New Hampshire Business Review, [3/23/13](#)]

#### Background On MTBE Pollution And Case

**After New Hampshire Opted In To The EPA’s RFG Program In 1991, Manufacturers Were Required To Reformulate Their Gasoline In Areas With “High Summertime Ozone Levels.”** According to State of New Hampshire v. Hess Corporation, “In 1991, New Hampshire applied to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) reformulated gasoline (RFG) program. The RFG program, which set specifications for formulating gasoline sold in metropolitan areas with high summertime ozone levels, was established by a 1990 amendment to the Clean Air Act and was intended to reduce vehicle-related air pollution. The program did not require gasoline manufacturers to utilize any specific oxygenate in reformulating their products. Instead, that decision was left to individual manufacturers. Although not required to participate in the RFG program, New Hampshire decided to ‘opt-in.’ The EPA accepted New Hampshire's application — effective January 1, 1995 — for Rockingham, Hillsborough, Merrimack and Strafford Counties.” [State of New Hampshire v. Hess Corporation, No. 2010-082, 161 N.H. 426; 20 A.3d 212; 2011 N.H. LEXIS 9]

- **NH Opted Out Of The RFG Program In 2001 Due To MTBE Contamination And Banned MTBE As A Gasoline Additive From January 1, 2007.** According to State of New Hampshire v. Hess Corporation, “In 2001, the State petitioned the EPA to opt-out of the RFG program on an expedited basis because of MTBE contamination, and then banned MTBE as a gasoline additive effective January 1, 2007.” [State of New Hampshire v. Hess Corporation, No. 2010-082, 161 N.H. 426; 20 A.3d 212; 2011 N.H. LEXIS 9]

**Between 1995 And 2006, MTBE, “A Known Animal Carcinogen And Probable Human Carcinogen,” Was Added To Gasoline By Individual Manufacturers, And Escaped Into And Contaminated The Groundwater.** According to State of New Hampshire v. Hess Corporation, “Thereafter, between 1995 and 2006, gasoline containing methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), which is a chemical compound that has been used as a gasoline additive to increase octane levels of fuel, was sold throughout the state. During this time, the State alleges that MTBE, which it asserts is a known animal carcinogen and probable human carcinogen, escaped into, and contaminated, the groundwater.” [State of New Hampshire v. Hess Corporation, No. 2010-082, 161 N.H. 426; 20 A.3d 212; 2011 N.H. LEXIS 9]

**Lawyer For New Hampshire Jessica Grant: MTBE Leaked From Gas Stations, Vehicle Junkyards, Underground Storage Tanks And Pipe Fittings, Is Highly Soluble In Water, And Can Be Carried Great Distances From Where It Leaked.** According to Bloomberg.com, “MTBE is highly soluble in water and can be carried great distances from where it leaked, Jessica Grant, a lawyer for New Hampshire, told the jury. It leaked from gas stations, vehicle junkyards, underground storage tanks and pipe fittings, according to the state. [...] This is one of scores of cases involving MTBE filed in the U.S. since 2000 against oil refiners, fuel distributors and chemical makers. MTBE lawsuits have been consolidated in federal court in New York for pretrial evidence-gathering and motions. The state estimated that 5,590 New Hampshire wells have levels of MTBE determined to be unfit for drinking. That level is 13 parts of MTBE per billion parts of water, the state said.” [Bloomberg.com, [2/16/13](#)]

**MTBE Was A Gasoline Additive Found To Contaminate Groundwater In The 1990s; It Was Banned In New Hampshire In 2007.** According to the New Hampshire Business Review, “Some argue that almost any project that prevents or mitigates water contamination is related to the ubiquitous MTBE, which was added to gasoline beginning in the 1970s to increase octane and reduce smog-causing emissions. While it was credited with cutting air pollution, it was found in the late 1990s to contaminate drinking water when gasoline is spilled or leaks into surface water or groundwater. New Hampshire banned it as of January 2007.” [New Hampshire Business Review, 3/22/13]

## **MTBE IS A POTENTIAL HUMAN CARCINOGEN AT HIGH DOSES AND EVEN SMALL AMOUNTS COULD MAKE WATER UNDRINKABLE**

**EPA Office Of Water: The Potential Health Risks Of MTBE At Low Exposure Levels In Drinking Water Were Not Known But “Evidence Supports The Conclusion That MTBE Is A Potential Human Carcinogen At High Doses.”** According to the American Cancer Society, “Though MTBE has been used as a fuel additive since 1979, there have been no long-term studies of the ability of MTBE to cause cancer in workers or other people exposed to high concentrations. People who might have been exposed to MTBE at work often have also been exposed to a number of other chemicals, which makes studying this issue difficult. [...] EPA’s Office of Water has concluded that there isn’t enough evidence to estimate potential health risks of MTBE at low exposure levels in drinking water, but that the evidence supports the conclusion that MTBE is a potential human carcinogen at high doses.” [American Cancer Society, 7/17/14]

- **Studies In Animals Showed Effects On The Nervous System Ranging From Hyperactivity, Seizures And Unconsciousness To Kidney Damage And Effects On Fetal Development.** According to the American Cancer Society, “Studies in animals using exposures many times higher than the levels typical for humans have shown effects on the nervous system ranging from hyperactivity to seizures and unconsciousness. Other studies have shown kidney damage and effects on fetal development, in addition to some excess cancers as discussed above. It’s not clear if these results would apply to the lower levels of exposure people might have.” [American Cancer Society, 7/17/14]

**After Breathing Vapors From Gas Containing MTBE, Some “Complained Of Symptoms Such As Nausea, Dizziness, Lightheadedness, Headaches, And Nose And Throat Irritation.”** According to the American Cancer Society, “Some people have complained of symptoms such as nausea, dizziness, lightheadedness, headaches, and nose and throat irritation after breathing vapors from gas containing MTBE. But it’s not clear if these symptoms are caused by MTBE or other components of gasoline. Several studies in people have not found any symptoms specifically related to MTBE exposure. At this time, the evidence linking these symptoms to MTBE is inconclusive.” [American Cancer Society, 7/17/14]

**Once In The Ground, MTBE Could Travel Faster And Farther Through Groundwater Than Other Gasoline Components, Making It More Likely To Contaminate Public Water Systems And Private Drinking Water Wells.** According to the American Cancer Society, “MTBE is much more soluble in water than most other components of gasoline.

If it gets in the ground, it can travel faster and farther through groundwater than other gasoline components. This makes it more likely to contaminate public water systems and private drinking water wells if gasoline is spilled on the ground or leaks out of underground storage tanks.” [American Cancer Society, 7/17/14]

- **Once Contamination Occurred, MTBE Was Difficult To Clean Up.** According to the American Cancer Society, “Even fairly small amounts of MTBE in water can give it an unpleasant taste and odor, making the water undrinkable. MTBE also does not break down (biodegrade) easily. As a result, it is harder to clean up once contamination occurs.” [American Cancer Society, 7/17/14]

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### **Background To Flint Hills’ Involvement In Court Case**

#### **The State Of New Hampshire Sued Several Oil Refiners In State Court For Allegedly Supplying The State With Gasoline Containing MTBE And Sought Damages For Contamination Of Groundwater And Surface Water.**

According to Law360.com, “The state of New Hampshire initially sued several oil refiners and manufacturers in state court for allegedly supplying the state with gasoline containing methyl tertiary butyl ether, seeking damages for contamination of groundwater and surface water.” [Law360.com, Accessed [8/28/15](#)]

- **In 2003, NH Sued Exxon Mobil, Shell, Sunoco, ConocoPhillips, Irving Oil, Vitol SA, Hess Corp. and Citgo.** According to Bloomberg.com, “In 2003, New Hampshire sued Exxon Mobil, Shell Oil Co., Sunoco Inc., ConocoPhillips, Irving Oil Ltd., Vitol SA, Hess Corp. and Citgo Petroleum Corp., the Houston-based unit of Venezuela’s state-owned oil company. All settled before the trial began except Exxon Mobil and Citgo, which agreed to a \$16 million settlement in February.” [Bloomberg.com, Accessed [8/31/15](#)]
- **The Case Was Then Moved To Federal Court And Then Became Part Of A “Multidistrict Litigation” On The Issue, Before The State Appealed And The Case Was Remanded Back To The NH Superior Court.** According to Law360.com, “The case was moved to the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island, then to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York as part of a broad multidistrict litigation on the issue. The state tried to get its case remanded back to state court, and when the federal court denied the motion, New Hampshire appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The appeals court sided with the Granite State, remanding the case back to a state superior court.” [Law360.com, Accessed [8/28/15](#)]

#### **During The Proceedings In The Multidistrict Litigation, The State Received Court Approval To Amend Its Complaint To Add Parties And The State Filed An Amended Complaint, Naming Flint Hills As A Defendant.**

According to the court case of State of New Hampshire v. Hess Corporation, “The proceedings in the multidistrict litigation included a case management order that established dates by which plaintiffs with pending cases could amend their complaints, as of right, to add additional defendants. The State’s amended complaint was due by late October 2004. After the district court denied its motion to remand, the State sought court approval to amend its complaint to add parties without waiving its objection to the district court’s exercise of subject matter jurisdiction. The motion was granted, and the State timely filed its first amended complaint naming Flint Hills and Yorktown as defendants. In November, the State served Flint Hills and Yorktown with the amended complaint in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The State served Flint Hills by personally serving its in-house counsel at its corporate headquarters in Kansas.” [State of New Hampshire v. Hess Corporation, Accessed [8/28/15](#)]



# THE DEEP & WIDE ROOTS OF THE KOCHS' POLITICAL NETWORK IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Americans For Prosperity

### AFP-NEW HAMPSHIRE LAUNCHED IN JUNE 2008

**Americans For Prosperity-New Hampshire Officially Launched In June 2008.** According to an Americans for Prosperity press release obtained via Targeted News Service, “Americans for Prosperity issued the following news release: The national free-market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP) will announce the launch of its New Hampshire state chapter at a news conference at the State Capitol on Tuesday, July 1st at 10:30 a.m. The chapter's first initiative will be a grassroots campaign aimed at building membership and mobilizing citizens against proposed tax hikes. Long-time local political activist Corey Lewandowski will serve as the group's New Hampshire Director.” [Americans for Prosperity Press Release, 6/27/08]

- **AFP's Expansion To New Hampshire Gave The Group 22 State Chapters.** According to an Americans for Prosperity press release obtained via Targeted News Service, “The establishment of a state chapter in New Hampshire marks the 22nd for AFP in just over four years of existence. The group has already chalked up a number of major victories on the state level, such as helping to defeat proposed tax hikes in Virginia and Kansas, limiting taxpayer-funded lobbying in Texas, and becoming a national grassroots leader in promoting government spending transparency. On the national level, AFP is a leader in the fight against pork-barrel earmarks and economy-destroying policies being advanced in the name of global warming.” [Americans for Prosperity Press Release, 6/27/08]

### AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY WAS FOUNDED BY THE KOCH BROTHERS

**Americans for Prosperity Is “A Conservative Group Founded By The Billionaire Koch Brothers.”** According to NPR, “The loudest voice taking on vulnerable Senate Democrats right now is not the Republican party, but Americans for Prosperity, a conservative group founded by the billionaire Koch brothers.” [NPR, [3/6/14](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity's Founders Were “Billionaire David Koch, And His Brother, Charles Koch.”** According to the Washington Post, “Americans for Prosperity's increasing involvement in races this cycle has caught the attention of the New Yorker, which earlier this week published a lengthy investigative piece on the organization's co-founder, billionaire David Koch, and his brother, Charles Koch.” [Washington Post, [8/26/10](#)]

### AFP-NEW HAMPSHIRE LEADERSHIP & OPERATIVES

#### New Hampshire “Honorary Chairman” Tom Thomson

**As Of December 2015, Tom Thomson Was Listed As AFP's New Hampshire's Honorary Chairman.** According to the Americans for Prosperity website, Tom Thomson is the “AFP-New Hampshire Honorary Chairman” [Americans For Prosperity, Accessed [8/28/15](#)]

- **Thomson Has Been Active In Forestry Policy And Advocacy On The State And National Level.** According to the Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire website, “Elected officials seek Tom's advice on forestry issues that impact family forest landowners as well as the National State Foresters Association and many other organizations. Tom prefers working on his tree farm, but he understands the importance of serving the forest community and he has done so by serving as past vice-chair of the Tree Farm National Operating Committee and Chair of the Tree Farm National Policy Committee and has served six years on the National Sustainable Forestry Board (SFB) Resource Committee (Forest Certification) representing Family Forest Landowners throughout the United States. He also serves as regional Vice President for National Woodland Owners Association and is member of the Forest Landowners Association (FLA).” [Americans For Prosperity, accessed [12/1/15](#)]

## **New Hampshire Director Greg Moore**

**Greg Moore Became AFP's New Hampshire State Director In February 2013.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Greg Moore became New Hampshire State Director for Americans for Prosperity in February 2013. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

- **AFP Paid Moore Over \$20,000 For Lobbying Services From 2013-2015.** According to the New Hampshire Secretary of State, Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire registered Gregory P. Moore as their lobbyist for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 legislative seasons. AFP-NH spent \$9,659.79 in 2013, \$2,376 in 2014 and \$8,804.92 through June 2015. [New Hampshire Secretary of State, [1/29/14](#), [1/22/15](#), [7/7/15](#)]

**2011 – 2012: Moore Was Chief Of Staff In The New Hampshire House Of Representatives.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Greg Moore was a Chief of Staff in the New Hampshire House of Representatives from 2011 through December 2012. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

- **Moore Worked “Directly For The Speaker Of The House.”** According to the Americans for Prosperity website, “Greg previously served as the Chief of Staff for the New Hampshire House of Representatives. There, working directly for the Speaker of the House, he worked to implement an agenda that included numerous historical firsts for the body, including passing the largest budget reduction in state history, numerous business tax and fee reductions, a Medicaid managed care law and tough welfare reform requirements. Previously, he served the same body as House Policy Director.” [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]
- **Washington Post: Republicans Joined With Democrats To Oppose Former Speaker Bill O’Brien, Whose “Reputation For Confrontation Made A Lot Of Members Wary,” When He Tried To Regain His Speakership After Republicans Retook The Statehouse In 2014.** According to the Washington Post, “The speaker who lost his job when Democrats took over in 2012, Bill O’Brien (R), wanted his old gig back. He narrowly won a vote of the House Republican caucus, by a 116-112 margin, over former speaker Gene Chandler, apparently setting him up to win back the gavel when the full House voted a few weeks later. But O’Brien’s reputation for confrontation made a lot of members wary. So on Dec. 3, a rump faction of about 36 Republicans joined the 159 Democrats in the House to elect Shawn Jasper, another Republican, as speaker.” [Washington Post, [1/7/15](#)]

**Moore Was Named To AFP's Advisory Board In 2009.** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “The anti-tax Americans for Prosperity added some high-profile Republicans to an advisory board led by Honorary State Chairman Tom Thomson, of Orford. They include 2008 congressional nominee Jennifer Horn, of Nashua; New Hampton state Rep. Fran Wendleboe; Weare state Rep Neal Kurk; former GOP legal counsel Gordon McDonald; former Health and Human Services communications director Greg Moore; and Concord conservative activist Chris Wood.” [Nashua Telegraph, 5/17/09]

- **In May 2009, Moore Was Identified As A “Public Relations Consultant.”** According to the Union Leader, “Greg Moore of Manchester is a public relations consultant. He serves on the advisory board of the New Hampshire chapter of Americans for Prosperity.” [Union Leader, 5/28/09]

**Moore Was The Stephen For Congress Campaign Manager From August 2007 Through September 2008.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Greg Moore was Campaign Manager for Stephen for Congress from August 2007 – September 2008. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

**Moore Was Director Of Public Affairs And Government Relations For The NH Department Of Health And Human Services From November 2003 Through August 2007.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Greg Moore was Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations for NH Department of Health and Human Services from November 2003 – August 2007. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

- **Moore Was Accused Of Benefitting From Cronyism After Being Hired As DHHS Public Affairs And Government Relations Director “By His Friend, Then-Commissioner John Stephen.”** According to the Union Leader, “But Greg Moore, who heads another conservative group, Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire, remembers that back in 2004, his job at DHHS was questioned by the Democrats because of his political leanings.

Moore was hired as the DHHS public affairs and government relations director by his friend, then-Commissioner John Stephen, a conservative who had been appointed department head by Republican Gov. Craig Benson. Cronyism, the Democrats charged. Benson is ‘cutting people in positions that care for people,’ Pamela Walsh complained at the time, when she was a spokesman for the Democratic Party (she is now Gov. Maggie Hassan's chief of staff). ‘Yet, he's taking care of his Republican friends by letting John Stephen hire his former campaign spokesman as a spokesman for the department.’” [Union Leader, [7/17/13](#)]

### **New Hampshire Senior Field Director Ross Connolly**

**Ross Connolly Became AFP's New Hampshire's Senior Field Director In December 2013.** According to his LinkedIn profile, “Senior Field Director[,] Americans for Prosperity[,] December 2013 – Present (1 year 11 months)[.] Manchester, New Hampshire[.] Oversee grassroots operations in New Hampshire. Managed staff of 4 Field Associates beginning in early 2014. Staff members are responsible for grassroots activities (doors, phones, events) in different NH regions. Field team in 2014 was one of the highest performing nationwide in AFP. I actively network throughout the state to promote free market policies and improve the lives of New Hampshire's citizens. Total voter contacts of 2014 over 70,000. I also manage the social media for AFP-NH[.]” [LinkedIn, accessed [10/25/15](#)]

- **Connolly Was Previously A Field Coordinator For AFP In New Jersey From July 2013 To December 2013.** According to his LinkedIn profile, “Field Coordinator[,] Americans for Prosperity[,] July 2013 – December 2013 (6 months)[.] Monmouth Junction, New Jersey[.] Oversaw Grassroots operations in central and northern New Jersey in 2013 cycle. Targeted multiple State Senate districts to inform citizens of legislator's negative voting record. Region I oversaw is one of the most densely populated in the nation (3,833,766). Total voter contacts over 30,000 over a 4 month period.” [LinkedIn, accessed [10/25/15](#)]
- **Connolly Was A Field Representative For Ovide Lamontagne's Campaign For Governor In 2012.** According to his LinkedIn profile, “Field Representative[,] Ovide Lamontagne for Governor 2012[,] May 2012 – September 2012 (5 months)[.] I helped to organize and coordinate a grassroots campaign throughout Hillsborough County and Southern New Hampshire. I was also involved in assisting in fundraising events and developing a strong Republican support for our candidate. Contributing to the development of commercials and advertisements in both small and widespread arenas allowed me to become more involved in spreading the campaign's overall message.” [LinkedIn, accessed [10/25/15](#)]

### **New Hampshire Field Director Mike Ciccio**

**Mike Ciccio Became An AFP New Hampshire Field Director In April 2015.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Mike Ciccio became New Hampshire Field Director for Americans for Prosperity in April 2015. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

- **Ciccio Became Citizens For A Strong New Hampshire's Director Of Field Operations In September 2014.** According to a post on the Citizens for a Strong New Hampshire website, “Citizens for a Strong New Hampshire is adding to its growing team today with the announcement of conservative staffer Michael Ciccio as the organization's new Director of Field Operations.” [Citizens for a Strong New Hampshire, [9/22/14](#)]
- **Ciccio Previously Worked On Several Campaigns.** According to a post on the Citizens for a Strong New Hampshire website, “Ciccio has previously worked on several campaigns, including most recently as Field Director on the Hemingway for Governor Campaign. He also served as a Field Representative for the Republican State Committee, Sen. Jeb Bradley's Congressional Campaign, and Sen. Bob Clegg's Congressional Campaign. Additionally, he was a Legislative Aide in the New Hampshire Senate.” [Citizens for a Strong New Hampshire, [9/22/14](#)]

### **New Hampshire Field Director Patrick Shaheen**

**Patrick Shaheen Became An AFP New Hampshire Field Director In November 2015.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Patrick Shaheen became a New Hampshire Field Director for Americans for Prosperity in November 2015. [LinkedIn, Accessed [12/7/15](#)]



- **Shaheen Was Previously An AFP New Hampshire Field Associate.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Patrick Shaheen became a New Hampshire Field Associate for Americans for Prosperity in July 2014. [LinkedIn, Accessed [12/7/15](#)]

### **New Hampshire Field Associate Joël Valenzuela**

*Valenzuela Has Koch Affiliations Going Back To At Least 2007...*

**Joël Valenzuela Became A Field Associate With Americans For Prosperity In April 2014.** According to his LinkedIn profile, “Field Associate[,] Americans for Prosperity[,] April 2014 – Present (1 year 7 months)[,] New Hampshire[.] 1) Conduct door-to-door canvassing, phone banking, and other grassroots activism across the state[.] 2) Identify, recruit, train, and direct volunteers for activism[.] 3) Staff events and trainings[.] 4) Recruit participants for Grassroots Leadership Academy trainings[.]”[LinkedIn, Accessed [10/19/15](#)]

- **Valenzuela Joined Americans For Prosperity In March 2009.** According to his LinkedIn profile, “Contract Policy Researcher[,] Americans for Prosperity[,] March 2009 – May 2012 (3 years 3 months)[,] Phoenix, Arizona Area[.] 1) Conducted research on Arizona tax legislation[.] 2) Tracked and analyzed voting records for state officials and municipalities[.] 3) Prepared a comprehensive index of elected officials' voting history[.] 4) Organized and conducted grassroots activism[.]”[LinkedIn, Accessed [10/19/15](#)]
- **Valenzuela Was A Government Affairs Intern With The Cato Institute In 2007.** According to his LinkedIn profile, “Government Affairs Intern[,] Cato Institute[,] June 2007 – August 2007 (3 months)[,] Washington D.C. Metro Area[.]”[LinkedIn, Accessed [10/19/15](#)]

*...And As He Works With AFP, He Also Advances The Koch Anti-Government Agenda With The Free State Project*

**Valenzuela Began Working To Advance The Free State Project In 2013.** According to his LinkedIn profile, “Volunteer[,] Free State Project[,] September 2013 – Present (2 years 2 months) Civil Rights and Social Action [.]”[LinkedIn, Accessed [10/19/15](#)]

**Valenzuela Advocated For The Free State Project Through His Blog, Which Was Advertised By FSP.** According to the Free State Project, “A recent mover, Joel Valenzuela, weighs in on the meaning he finds in New Hampshire as part of the Free State Project: ‘I took a break from my life of tireless activism in the Free State to visit my former home of Arizona. I was soon reminded of why I left, why I went Galt.’] Read more at his blog, the Desert Lynx.” [Free State Project, [12/18/14](#)]

**Valenzuela Promoted PorcFest, The Free State Project’s Effort To Entice Movers To NH, In Local Press.** According to the Concord Monitor, “The event’s main purpose is to attract prospective movers with the Free State Project, a political movement to draw liberty-minded people to New Hampshire. As Valenzuela put it, PorcFest ‘is basically a one-week-long condensed version of everything that’s great about living here. Just from the beautiful scenery and perfect weather – in my opinion, at least at that time of year – into the whole Live Free or Die mentality,’ he said.” [Concord Monitor, [6/19/15](#)]

- **FSP Hosted Valenzuela’s “Rebel Love Show” Podcast.** According to the Free State Project, “Free State Project has issued the following news release: Rebel Love Show LIVE at PorcFest!!!! Joël Valenzuela and Robert Mathias will be recording the Rebel Love Show live at PorcFest on June 26th at 12:30 pm in the LRN.FM media room.” [Free State Project, 6/19/14]

**Valenzuela “Assisted In An Outreach Event To The Hampton Democrats Regarding The Free State Project.”** According to a blog post by Joël Valenzuela for the Rights Brigade, “Today I assisted in an outreach event to the Hampton Democrats regarding the Free State Project. The Hampton Democrats, during their monthly meeting, invited Zandra Rice Hawkins from Granite State Progress (GSP) to give a presentation on the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and the Free State Project (FSP).” [Joël Valenzuela – Rights Brigade, [6/19/15](#)]

**AFP-NH Ties To Donald Trump: Former State Director Corey Lewandowski Became Trump’s Campaign Manager**

**Headline: “Trump Moves Toward Candidacy; Hires NH’s Lewandowski As Senior Political Adviser.”** [NH Journal, [2/25/15](#)]

**Lewandowski Became Donald Trump’s Campaign Manager And Senior Political Adviser In 2015.** According to the Washington Post, “Corey R. Lewandowski, a former director of voter registration at Americans for Prosperity, a group backed by conservative industrialists Charles and David Koch, has been asked by Trump to serve as his senior political adviser and manager for the campaign-in-waiting. Alan Cobb, a former political adviser at Koch Industries, is another Republican who has signed on with Trump and is assisting with recruitment.” [Washington Post, [2/25/15](#)]

- **Lewandowski, In Turn, Tapped AFP-NH Field Director Matt Ciepielowski To Head His New Hampshire Field Operation.** According to the NH Journal, “As Donald Trump takes a more serious than ever look at running for President in 2016, the billionaire real estate mogul and entrepreneur has hired Corey Lewandowski of Windham as his senior political adviser. Should Trump decide to mount a candidacy, Lewandowski would be his national campaign manager. Lewandowski, in turn, has tapped Matt Ciepielowski of Manchester to head the New Hampshire field operation. Lewandowski is the former state director of the Koch brothers-backed Americans for Prosperity who rose to become AFP’s national director of voter registration. Ciepielowski had been AFP’s New Hampshire field director.” [NH Journal, [2/25/15](#)]
- **“Lewandowski, A Former Koch-Brothers Operative From New Hampshire, Is Little Known On The National Scene But, Crucially, Is Wired Into The State’s Tea-Party Network.”** According to New York Magazine, “The new guard, led by Trump’s 40-year-old campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, has successfully sidelined longtime advisers Roger Stone and Sam Nunberg. Lewandowski, a former Koch-brothers operative from New Hampshire, is little known on the national scene but, crucially, is wired into the state’s tea-party network.” [New York Magazine, [8/21/15](#)]

*Lewandowski’s Relationship With The Kochs Begin In The 1990s And Continued Through His Work With AFP*

**Lewandowski Was A Development Assistant For Citizens For A Sound Economy From May 1997 Through November 1997.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Corey Lewandowski was a Development Assistant for Citizens For A Sound Economy from May 1997 through November 1997. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

**Lewandowski Listed His Position With AFP From March 2014 Through January 2015 As National Director Of Voter Registration.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Corey Lewandowski was National Director of Voter Registration for Americans for Prosperity from March 2014 through January 2015. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

**Lewandowski Listed His Position With AFP From June 2008 Through March 2014 As East Coast Regional Director.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Corey Lewandowski was East Coast Regional Director for Americans for Prosperity from June 2008 through March 2014. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

**Lewandowski Was Director Of Public Affairs For Schwartz MSL From September 2004 Through July 2012.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Corey Lewandowski was Director of Public Affairs for Schwartz MSL from September 2004 through July 2012. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

- **With Schwartz Communications In Massachusetts, Lewandowski Took On “Clients Interested In The Stimulus Spending Program Proposed By President Obama And Enacted By Congressional Democrats.”** According to the New York Times, “After Mr. Smith had lost, and with Mr. Lewandowski’s relationship to the party establishment deeply frayed, he held different jobs, including working with the New Hampshire Department of Public Safety. He then became a lobbyist with the government affairs firm Schwartz Communications in Massachusetts, taking on some clients interested in the stimulus spending program proposed by President Obama and enacted by congressional Democrats to help the economy recover from the financial meltdown of 2008.” [New York Times, [9/3/15](#)]

**Lewandowski Was Executive Director For New England Seafood Producers Association From May 2003 Through August 2004.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Corey Lewandowski was Executive Director for New England Seafood Producers Association from May 2003 through August 2004. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

**Lewandowski Was Campaign Manager And Communications Director For Bob Smith For US Senate From December 2001 Through January 2003.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Corey Lewandowski was Campaign Manager and Communications Director for Bob Smith (R-NH) for US Senate from December 2001 through January 2003. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

**Lewandowski Was Northeast Region Legislative Political Director For The Republican National Committee From April 2001 Through November 2001.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Corey Lewandowski was the Northeast region Legislative Political Director for the Republican National Committee from April 2001 through November 2001. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

- **NY Times: “Mr. Lewandowski Was Part Of The Fabric Of Establishment Washington.”** According to the New York Times, “At one point, Mr. Lewandowski was part of the fabric of establishment Washington, working for former Representative Bob Ney of Ohio, and, later, with the Republican National Committee.” [New York Times, [9/3/15](#)]

**Lewandowski Went To Work In Washington As Rep. Robert Ney’s Chief Of Staff From December 1997 Through February 2001.** According to the New York Times, “After the election, Mr. Lewandowski went to work in Washington as Mr. Ney’s chief of staff, and made headlines when he brought an unloaded gun into a House office building in the bottom of his laundry bag.” According to his LinkedIn profile, Corey Lewandowski was an Administrative Assistant for U.S. Rep. Robert W. Ney (R-OH) from December 1997 through February 2001. [New York Times, [9/3/15](#); LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

- **After Ney Was Convicted Of Corruption Charges In The Abramoff Scandal And Forced To Resign, Lewandowski Wrote A Letter To The Court Defending Him.** According to the New York Times, “After Mr. Ney was convicted of corruption charges in the Abramoff scandal and forced to resign in 2006, Mr. Lewandowski wrote a letter to the court defending him. ‘I know the true Bob Ney,’ Mr. Lewandowski wrote. Years later, Mr. Ney said, his parents still ask about Mr. Lewandowski, who was seen as a member of their family.” [New York Times, [9/3/15](#)]

**Lewandowski Was Executive Assistant And Director Of Intern Programs For Rep. Peter Torkildsen From January 1996 Through January 1997.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Corey Lewandowski was the Executive Assistant and Director of Intern Programs for U.S. Rep. Peter G. Torkildsen (R-MA) from January 1996 through January 1997. [LinkedIn, Accessed [8/27/15](#)]

**Lewandowski Began His Political Career In His Massachusetts Hometown Where He Ran Unsuccessfully For A State Legislative Seat In 1994.** According to the New York Times, “A tall, reedy man with the features of a young Robert Duvall in ‘To Kill a Mockingbird,’ with close-cropped hair, pale skin and dark circles under his eyes, Mr. Lewandowski began his political career in his hometown, Lowell, Mass., when he ran unsuccessfully for a state legislative seat in 1994.” [New York Times, [9/3/15](#)]

## Generation Opportunity

### GENERATION OPPORTUNITY IS THE KOCH BROTHERS’ YOUTH OUTREACH OPERATION

**The Atlantic: Generation Opportunity Was “Part Of The Billionaire Koch Brothers-Funded Empire Of Independent Groups Seeking To Influence Public Policy In A More Free-Market Direction.”** According to The Atlantic, “Both Generation Opportunity and Americans for Prosperity are part of the billionaire Koch brothers-funded empire of independent groups seeking to influence public policy in a more free-market direction.” [The Atlantic, [9/19/13](#)]



- **Generation Opportunity Raised “Almost 86 Percent Of Its Funds From Just Two Koch-Linked Nonprofits.”** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, “In the three years for which tax information is available, Generation Opportunity has raised almost 86 percent of its funds from just two Koch-linked nonprofits.” [OpenSecrets.org, [5/13/14](#)]
- **GenOpp Branded Itself As A “Nonprofit Organization Committed To Helping Young People Improve Their Lives.”** According to the Wayback Machine’s archive of the Generation Opportunity website, “Generation Opportunity is a nonprofit organization committed to helping young people improve their lives.” [GenerationOpportunity.org, archived [5/28/15](#)]

## **GENERATION OPPORTUNITY WAS ACTIVE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE SOON AFTER ITS FORMATION...**

**Generation Opportunity Was Active In New Hampshire With Field Efforts Including The Portsmouth, Durham, Merrimack, Nashua, Manchester, And Concord Areas.** According to a Generation Opportunity press release via Christian Newswire, “Generation Opportunity’s grassroots field team, which has been working aggressively across the nation, recently engaged in grassroots organizing across New Hampshire among young adults. The group’s New Hampshire field efforts included the Portsmouth, Durham, Merrimack, Nashua, Manchester, and Concord areas. Generation Opportunity is one of the largest social media and grassroots organizations in the nation targeting young adults 18-29 and has more than 1.9 million fans on Facebook.” [Generation Opportunity, 12/16/11]

## **... AND CLAIMED THE STATE WAS “AN IDEAL PLACE” FOR ITS MESSAGE...**

**Generation Opportunity New Hampshire State Director Nick Pappas: New Hampshire’s Culture Made It “An Ideal Place To Reach Young People Committed To Advancing Freedom.”** According to an opinion by Nick Pappas for the Concord Monitor, “New Hampshire has long been famous for its strong motto. No other state has a slogan quite like ‘live free or die’ imbued into its culture. It speaks to the Granite State’s fiercely independent streak and long-standing tradition of open political debate. These factors are a large part of why our state is an ideal place to reach young people committed to advancing freedom. At Generation Opportunity, a youth advocacy organization focused on promoting free markets and civil liberties, we’ve chosen to organize in my home state precisely because it’s such a fertile ground for these ideas.” [Nick Pappas - Concord Monitor, [10/5/14](#)]

## **... BUT THE ORGANIZATION ONLY CLAIMS ABOUT 100 VOLUNTEERS...**

**Pappas Claimed The Organization Had “More Than 100 Volunteers Throughout The State.”** According to an opinion by Nick Pappas for the Concord Monitor, “At Generation Opportunity, a youth advocacy organization focused on promoting free markets and civil liberties, we’ve chosen to organize in my home state precisely because it’s such a fertile ground for these ideas. We have more than 100 volunteers throughout the state talking to their peers about the challenges our generation faces and how we can hold politicians accountable for ignoring our concerns.” [Nick Pappas - Concord Monitor, [10/5/14](#)]

## **... AND HAS LOST HIGH LEVEL LEADERSHIP TO PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS**

**Pappas Was Hired By The Santorum Campaign As The State Senior Adviser.** According to the New Hampshire Union Leader, “Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum has hired Nick Pappas as New Hampshire senior adviser. [...] Pappas served as Santorum’s deputy national political director in 2012, and worked with a team that won 11 primaries and caucuses, which the campaign notes is the most for any non-nominee since Ronald Reagan in 1976. Pappas has recently served as New Hampshire state director for Generation Opportunity, a national conservative advocacy group with a focus on millennials. He is also senior partner of REACH Communications and owner of Red Road Strategies, a Manchester-based consulting firm.” [New Hampshire Union Leader, [8/11/15](#)]

- **Pappas Was The Deputy Political Director For Republican Rick Santorum In His 2012 Presidential Bid.** According to the New Hampshire Union Leader, “[Nick] Pappas was the deputy political director for Republican Rick Santorum in his brief 2012 presidential bid.” [New Hampshire Union Leader, [4/1/15](#)]

- **Pappas Ran For Ward 6 Alderman Earlier In 2015.** According to the New Hampshire Union Leader, “An early challenger has stepped forward to run for alderman in Ward 6, one of the city’s more closely contested voting districts. Nick Pappas, a Republican strategist and elected member of the 2013 city charter commission, announced his candidacy on Wednesday. [...] He’s currently the state director for Generation Opportunity, a national organization that aims to promote conservative and libertarian ideas, including opposition to Obamacare, among millennials.” [New Hampshire Union Leader, [4/1/15](#)]

**Joe Doiron Was Deputy Director For Generation Opportunity In New Hampshire Through May 2015.** According to Joe Doiron’s LinkedIn profile, “Deputy Director-NH[,] GenOpp[,] August 2014 – May 2015 (10 months)[,] Manchester, NH[.]” [LinkedIn, accessed [9/20/15](#)]

- **Doiron Became New Hampshire State Director For Lindsey Graham’s Security Through Strength In May 2015.** According to NH1, “Security through Strength, the testing the waters committee that Graham set up earlier this year, announced Thursday that Joe Doiron is now on board as New Hampshire state director. NH1 News was first to report the news. Doiron most recently served as state director for Generation Opportunity in New Hampshire. Prior to that role, the Manchester based operative served as political director for the Massachusetts Republican Party. He was also a field director for Charlie Bass for Congress and as a field representative on Jon Huntsman’s 2012 bid for the GOP presidential nomination.” [NH1, [5/21/15](#)]

**Nationally, More Than Half Of Generation Opportunity’s Staff Left The Organization Between Late November 2014 And August 2015.** According to CNN, “Feinberg’s departure is one of many from Generation Opportunity: About 55% of the organization has left their jobs since late November, according to a comparison of staff lists on the organization’s website. The senior director within the Koch network said the departures claimed senior staff in nearly every cluster and that total amount of recent departures could amount to as much as two-thirds of the staff.” [CNN, [9/1/15](#)]

[\*To Learn More About Generation Opportunity, Read The Bridge Project Report “GenFlop: The Kochs’ Transparent Attempt to Pander to #Millennials.”\*](#)

## Concerned Veterans For America

### CONCERNED VETERANS FOR AMERICA WAS CREATED BY THE KOCH BROTHERS

**CVA CEO Pete Hegseth Told Attendees Of A Koch Organized Summit That “Concerned Veterans For America Is An Organization This Network Literally Created.”** According to a speech Pete Hegseth gave at a Koch brothers’ summit, “Concerned Veterans for America is an organization this network literally created.” [Pete Hegseth Speech – Koch Brothers’ Summit via YouTube, [6/16/14](#)]

- **Hegseth: “I Thank Charles And David” For Making CVA Possible.** According to a speech Pete Hegseth gave at a Koch brothers’ summit, “I thank Charles and David [...] everyone that puts in the sweat equity that makes this possible.” [Pete Hegseth Speech – Koch Brothers’ Summit via YouTube, [6/16/14](#)]

**Concerned Veterans Of America Stated Its Mission Was “To Advocate For Policies That Will Preserve The Freedom And Prosperity That We And Our Families So Proudly Fought And Sacrificed To Defend.”** According to the Concerned Veterans for America’s website, “Simply put, CVA’s mission is to advocate for policies that will preserve the freedom and prosperity that we and our families so proudly fought and sacrificed to defend. The goal of Concerned Veterans for America is to translate the experience, concerns and hopes unique to veterans and their families into a common vision of freedom. We apply this unique perspective to speak out on issues that threaten to cripple not only our economic and national security, but the spirit of opportunity and liberty that all Americans cherish.” [Concerned Veterans for America, Accessed [5/1/15](#)]

### CONCERNED VETERANS FOR AMERICA NEW HAMPSHIRE LEADERSHIP

## **CVA State Director Roger Wilkins**

**Roger Wilkins Was CVA's New Hampshire State Director.** According to the Concerned Veterans for America website, "With almost a quarter of a century in public advocacy, Roger's work has focused on spearheading taxpayer efforts and advocacy strategies for freedom and liberty non-profit organizations throughout the years. Prior to joining Concerned Veterans for America as the New Hampshire State Director, Roger was the inaugural president of the Independent Business Council of New Hampshire." [Concerned Veterans for America, accessed [8/27/15](#)]

**Wilkins Never Served In The Military.** According to the Union Leader, "Wilkins, who isn't a veteran but was raised in a military family, said one of the group's main goals is to address veteran concerns at both the state and national level." [Union Leader, 5/30/14]

**Wilkins Was The Inaugural President Of The Independent Business Council Of New Hampshire.** According to the Concerned Veterans for America website, "With almost a quarter of a century in public advocacy, Roger's work has focused on spearheading taxpayer efforts and advocacy strategies for freedom and liberty non-profit organizations throughout the years. Prior to joining Concerned Veterans for America as the New Hampshire State Director, Roger was the inaugural president of the Independent Business Council of New Hampshire." [Concerned Veterans for America, accessed [8/27/15](#)]

- **Union Leader: The Independent Business Council Of New Hampshire Was Founded By The "Scandal-Plagued" Rep. Frank Guinta.** According to the Union Leader, "Rarely does the fate of a scandal-plagued lawmaker matter much in the race for the White House. But Rep. Frank Guinta isn't like most other congressmen. [...] Guinta has said he's spoken with most of the likely Republican presidential hopefuls. The Independent Business Council of New Hampshire, the company he founded to promote local businesses, is inviting candidates to speak at informal business roundtables." [Union Leader, [5/20/15](#)]
- **Guinta Said He Founded The Entity With Roger Wilkins, A Political Consultant Who Used To Work Out Of His Manchester Office.** According to the New Hampshire Business Review, "Guinta said he helped found the entity – which is a limited liability company, not a nonprofit organization – with Roger Wilkins, a political consultant who used to work out of Guinta's Manchester office 'to advocate for small business on behalf of small business so that the state will be more competitive.'" [New Hampshire Business Review, [3/21/14](#)]

**Wilkins Was Guinta's District Director From 2011 Through January 2013.** According to LinkedIn, "District Director[,] Congressman Frank C. Guinta[,] 2011 – January 2013 [...] Oversight of constituent office for Congressman Frank C. Guinta. Responsibilities/Achievements include but not limited to significant constituent correspondence, established industry and constituent based advisory committees, aggressive in-district scheduling for congressman, successful constituent recognition program, and operated evening office hours as needed for constituent, as well as significant scheduling of public office hours in town halls across the district." [LinkedIn, accessed [9/18/15](#)]

**Wilkins Spent 13 Years As A Registered Lobbyist.** According to LinkedIn, "Registered Lobbyist[,] NH Corporate & Issue Based Clients[,] 1995 – 2008 (13 years)[,] Concord, NH" [LinkedIn, accessed [9/18/15](#)]

**Wilkins Spent 18 Years As A Campaign Consultant And Operative For Groups Such As The New Hampshire Advantage Coalition.** According to LinkedIn, "Campaign Consultant & Operative[,] Political Operations[,] 1992 – 2010 (18 years)Manchester, NH[,] The New Hampshire Advantage Coalition[–] Statewide taxpayer advocacy; projects include municipal and statewide spending cap campaigns and federal spending restraint. We organized local tax groups and influence local officials on the issue, as well as gain ballot access to pass local spending cap. Measures were successful in municipalities targeted; Rochester, Dover, & Manchester. Legal challenges were made but legislature passed language to correct Constitutional concerns. Nashua, NH – 2009[,] College Convention 2000 [...] political consulting and campaign mgmt" [LinkedIn, accessed [9/18/15](#)]

*[To Learn More About Concerned Veterans For America, Read The Bridge Project Report "The Vets Group That Fights Against Veterans"](#)*

## Concerned Women For America

### CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA WAS FUNDED WITH OVER \$11 MILLION IN KOCH MONEY

**TC4 Trust And Freedom Partners Were Main Donors To The Koch Network's Web Of Organizations And Routed Money Through The Center To Protect Patient Rights.** According to the Washington Post, "The Washington Post and the Center for Responsive Politics identified a coalition of allied conservative groups active in the 2012 elections that together raised at least \$407 million, backed by a donor network organized by the industrialists Charles and David Koch. Most of the funds originated with two groups, the Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce and TC4 Trust, both of which routed some of the money through a Phoenix-based nonprofit group called the Center to Protect Patient Rights (CPPR)." [Washington Post, 1/5/14]

- **Concerned Women For America Received Over \$8.4 Million From Freedom Partners Between 2012 And 2013.** According to its Form 990 filings with the IRS, Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce contributed \$8,150,000 to Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee in 2012 and \$260,000 in 2013. [Freedom Partners Form 990, 2012; Freedom Partners Form 990, 2013]
- **Concerned Women For America Received Over \$1.6 Million From The Center To Protect Patient Rights From 2010-2012.** According to its Form 990 filings with the IRS, , the Center to Protect Patient Rights contributed \$4,500 to Concerned Women for America in 2010, \$1,453,000 to Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee in 2011 and \$173,573 to Concerned Women for America in 2012. [Center to Protect Patient Rights Form 990, 2010; Center to Protect Patient Rights Form 990, 2011; Center to Protect Patient Rights Form 990, 2012]
- **Concerned Women For America Received \$1.3 Million From TC4 Trust.** According to TC4 Trust's 990 for the 2011 tax year, TC4 Trust contributed \$1,335,000 to Concerned Women for America. [TC4 Trust Form 990, 2011]

*[To Learn More About Concerned Women For America, Read The Bridge Project And NARAL's Report 'Kochcerned Women For America'](#)*

## LIBRE Initiative

### THE LIBRE INITIATIVE HAD NOT SET UP SHOP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE BY DECEMBER 2015...

**In 2014 LIBRE, The "Piece Of The Koch Brothers' Sprawling And Effective Network Of Conservative Groups" Which "Began Courting Hispanic Voters In 2011," Had Operations In Eight States.** According to the Associated Press, "Libre now has operations in eight states in the hope Hispanics will repay conservatives with their votes. Organizers already have 3,000 Texas volunteers, and similar undertakings in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico and Virginia. Libre is but one piece of the Koch brothers' sprawling and effective network of conservative groups. Alongside the grassroots-focused Americans for Prosperity and the youth-oriented Generation Opportunity, Libre began courting Hispanic voters in 2011." [Associated Press, [8/11/14](#)]

- **LIBRE Had No Official Presence In NH In 2015.** According to the LIBRE Initiative website, "Where is LIBRE located? LIBRE's headquarters are located in South Texas. In addition, LIBRE has a presence in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Virginia and will be expanding our operations in more states in the coming months. Visit our Contact Us page for more information on how to get in touch with our representatives." [LIBRE Initiative, archived [10/3/15](#)]
- **The LIBRE Initiative Has Received At Least \$9.3 Million From Freedom Partners.** According to its Form 990 filings with the IRS, Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce gave \$3,112,000 in grant money to the Libre Initiative Trust for the 2011 calendar year from November 2011 through October 2012, \$3,300,000 from November 2012



through October 2013 and \$2,900,000 in the last two months of 2013. [2011 Form 990, CitizenAudit, [10/3/13](#); 2012 Form 990, CitizenAudit, [9/23/14](#); 2013 Form 990, CitizenAudit, [11/21/14](#)]

## ... BUT THE AMBITIOUS AND WELL-FINANCED GROUP PLANS TO EXPAND FURTHER IN 2016

### **The \$14 Million LIBRE Initiative Already Had Staff In Ten States And Planned To “Expand Further In 2016.”**

According to CNN, “In anticipation of the upcoming election cycle, Libre is undertaking one of the most ambitious and expensive Latino outreach programs by any conservative organization yet. It will have a \$14 million operating budget in 2015, according to a source with knowledge of the group's finances who requested anonymity to speak freely. Libre now has field staff in ten states, with plans to expand further in 2016. Most of Libre's funding comes from a network of conservative donors organized by billionaire businessmen Charles and David Koch.” [CNN, [6/21/15](#)]

## LIBRE HAD KEY STAFF WHO WORKED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Carli Dimino Was Senior Policy Manager At The LIBRE Initiative.** According to her LinkedIn profile, “Senior Policy Manager[,] The LIBRE Initiative[,] January 2015 – Present[.]” [LinkedIn, accessed [9/17/15](#)]

- **Dimino Joined The LIBRE Initiative As A Policy Analyst In June 2013.** According to her LinkedIn profile, “Policy Analyst [,] The LIBRE Initiative[,] June 2013 – Present[.]” [LinkedIn, accessed [9/17/15](#)]
- **Dimino Was A Cato Institute Intern For Five Months.** According to her LinkedIn profile, “Research Intern[,] Cato Institute[,] January 2013 – May 2013 (5 months)[.]” [LinkedIn, accessed [9/17/15](#)]
- **Dimino Was The New Hampshire Hispanic Inclusion Director For Newt Gingrich's Presidential Campaign.** According to an article by columnist Dan McCarthy of The Phoenix, “When I walked in for the first time last week, I approached the front desk, and told the people in the room that I was interested in helping. ‘Great,’ replied Carli Dimino, Gingrich's New Hampshire Hispanic inclusion director.” [Dan McCarthy – The Phoenix, [1/12/12](#)]
- **Dimino Graduated With An M.A. In Spanish And Taught English In Madrid.** According to her LinkedIn profile, “English Language Teacher[,] Madrid[,] September 2010 – June 2011 (10 months) [...] Middlebury College[,] M.A., Spanish[,] 2010 – 2011[,] Thesis titled ‘Crisis of Faith in the Spanish Catholic Church,’ 2011. Boston College[,] B.A., Political Science, Hispanic Studies, Philosophy[,] 2006 – 2010[.]” [LinkedIn, accessed [9/17/15](#)]

## LIBRE’S DIMINO, AS GINGRICH’S HISPANIC INCLUSION DIRECTOR, MADE OFFENSIVE REMARKS ABOUT HISPANICS.

**Dimino’s Recruitment Strategy For A Hispanic Event: “Tell Them There Will Be Free Mexican Food.”** According to an article by columnist Dan McCarthy of The Phoenix, “When I walked in for the first time last week, I approached the front desk, and told the people in the room that I was interested in helping. ‘Great,’ replied Carli Dimino, Gingrich's New Hampshire Hispanic inclusion director. ‘Do you know any Mexicans?’ I felt like I was being set up for a right-wing punch line about border control. But I wasn't. ‘We're throwing an event for Hispanics, and we need bodies there. Tell them there will be free Mexican food.’ (Because if there's one thing local Hispanics respond to, it's the promise of a free buffet of New Hampshire-style Mexican food.)” [Dan McCarthy – The Phoenix, [1/12/12](#)]

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[\*To Learn More About The LIBRE Initiative, Read The Bridge Project Report “Kochs’ LIBRE Initiative Is Harmful To Hispanic Community”\*](#)

## **Koch Political Activity In NH Dated Back At Least To Citizens For A Sound Economy In 1999**

### **BEFORE LAUNCHING AFP, THE KOCH BROTHERS WERE POLITICALLY ACTIVE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE BY 1999 WITH THEIR “CITIZENS FOR A SOUND ECONOMY” GROUP**

**CSE Was Created In 1984 By David Koch And Richard Fink.** According to the New Yorker, “In 1984, David Koch and Richard Fink created yet another organization, and [President of FreedomWorks Matt] Kibbe joined them. The group, Citizens for a Sound Economy, seemed like a grassroots movement, but according to the Center for Public Integrity it was sponsored principally by the Kochs, who provided \$7.9 million between 1986 and 1993.” [New Yorker, [8/30/10](#)]

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- **The Koch Brothers Were “Very Controlling” Over CSE.** According to the New Yorker, “Within a few years, the group had mobilized fifty paid field workers, in twenty-six states, to rally voters behind the Kochs’ agenda. David and Charles, according to one participant, were ‘very controlling, very top down. You can’t build an organization with them. They run it.’” [New Yorker, [8/30/10](#)]

**CSE Launched Their New Hampshire Chapter In 1999.** According to FreedomWorks, “Today, Citizens for a Sound Economy (CSE) Foundation announced the launch of their New Hampshire chapter.” [FreedomWorks, [9/8/99](#)]

### **CSE New Hampshire State Director Chuck McGee Was Indicted On Federal Charges Stemming From Time As NH GOP Director**

**Citizens For A Sound Economy New Hampshire State Director Chuck McGee Faced Federal Charges For Conspiring To Jam Six Democratic Phone Banks On Election Day 2002.** According to FreedomWorks, “The former executive director of the state Republican Party has been charged with conspiring to jam six Democratic phone banks on Election Day 2002. Chuck McGee faces federal charges that he hired the Alexandria, Va., firm GOP Marketplace to make repeated hang-up calls to the phone banks on Nov. 5, 2002, The Union Leader reported Saturday. He is also accused of providing GOP Marketplace with the phone numbers to jam. McGee declined to comment on the charges Friday. He is scheduled to enter a plea in U.S. District Court on July 28. [...] In early 2003, McGee resigned after Manchester police said they had alerted federal prosecutors to the phone-jamming operation. He denied any wrongdoing or knowledge of the contract. At the time, state GOP chairwoman Jayne Millerick said the party had paid GOP Marketplace \$15,600 for telemarketing services to encourage people to vote Republican, not to jam the lines. Two months after resigning, McGee was named state director of the fiscally conservative lobbying group Citizens for a Sound Economy. [FreedomWorks, [7/10/04](#)]

- **McGee “Admitted Hatching The Plot” And “Completed A Seven-Month Sentence For Conspiracy.”** According to the Associated Press, “For nearly two hours on Election Day 2002, hundreds of hang-up calls overwhelmed Democratic get-out-the-vote phone banks and a ride-to-the-polls line run by Manchester's firefighters union. The state GOP's former executive director, Chuck McGee, who admitted hatching the plot, has completed a seven-month sentence for conspiracy. After speaking with Tobin, McGee hired Allen Raymond, former president of Virginia-based [sic] GOP Marketplace LLC, to carry out the jamming. Raymond pleaded guilty to his role and hopes a five-month sentence will be reduced in exchange for his cooperation with prosecutors.” [Associated Press, [12/16/05](#)]

## CSE Advocated For Regressive Flat Tax Policies

**Citizens For A Sound Economy Hosted A “Scrap The Code” Debate In Bedford, New Hampshire Featuring Rep. John E. Sununu (R-N.H.) Of Bedford As The Flat Tax Advocate.** According to a FreedomWorks press release accessed via Highbeam Business, “Today, Rich Killion, state director of New Hampshire Citizens for a Sound Economy Foundation (CSEF) announced that ‘Scrap the Code’ -- CSEF's tax reform debate tour -- is coming to Bedford, New Hampshire. This debate will feature Rep. John E. Sununu (R-N.H.) of Bedford as the flat tax advocate and Rep. John Linder (R-Ga.) as the national sales tax defender.” [FreedomWorks via Highbeam Business, [12/7/99](#)]

**CSE Ad Headline: “New Hampshire Ad Blitz: ‘Jeanne Shaheen Is A Taxing Machine!’”** [FreedomWorks, [10/31/02](#)]

- **CSE Spent Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars Targeting Jeanne Shaheen And Her Record On Taxes In A State-Wide Campaign.** According to FreedomWorks, “CSE is spending tens of thousands of dollars in a state-wide campaign to let Granite State voters know Jeanne Shaheen’s terrible record on taxes.” [FreedomWorks, [10/31/02](#)]
- **“CSE’s 2,860 Members In New Hampshire Are Combining Thousands Of Volunteer Hours With An Expensive, Integrated Campaign To Get The Truth Out About Senate Candidates John Sununu And Jeanne Shaheen.”** According to FreedomWorks, “CSE’s 2,860 members in New Hampshire are combining thousands of volunteer hours with an expensive, integrated campaign to get the truth out about Senate candidates John Sununu and Jeanne Shaheen.” [FreedomWorks, [10/29/02](#)]
- **CSE’s New Hampshire Campaign Details Included 75,000 Color Direct Mail Brochures, The Placement Of 3000 Outdoor Yard Signs, And 50,000 Auto Dial Calls To NH Voters.** According to FreedomWorks, “New Hampshire Campaign Details include: State-wide radio spot ‘Jeanne Shaheen is a Taxing Machine[,]’ 75,000 color direct mail brochures[,] 4 veteran CSE staff campaign mobilizers on the ground in NH for 5 days[,] Placement of 3000 outdoor yard signs[,] 50,000 Auto dial calls to NH voters[,] HTML Emails to state activists[,] Press Conference on John Sununu’s Tax Reform Plans.” [FreedomWorks, [10/29/02](#)]

**State Director Of New Hampshire Citizens For A Sound Economy Rich Killion Said The Federal Tax Code Was “Indefensible” And That There Were “Numerous Examples Illustrating How Our Federal Tax System Has Spiraled Out Of Control.”** According to a FreedomWorks press release accessed via Nexis, “Rich Killion, state director of New Hampshire Citizens for a Sound Economy Foundation, will host ‘Scrap the Code’ -- CSE Foundation's tax reform debate tour -- in Bedford, N.H. [...] ‘The current federal tax code is indefensible,’ said Killion. ‘There are numerous examples illustrating how our Federal tax system has spiraled out of control.’” [FreedomWorks press release accessed via Nexis, 12/15/99]

- **Jeb Bush Hired Former State Director Of New Hampshire Citizens For A Sound Economy Rich Killion As His New Hampshire Strategist.** According to the Union Leader, “Jeb Bush has hired Rich Killion as his New Hampshire strategist as the former Florida governor explores a likely run for President.” [Union Leader, [2/12/15](#)]

**According To A Citizens For A Sound Economy Survey, 92% Of New Hampshire Voters Don’t Find The Tax System Fair And “Support A Flat Tax As A Potential Replacement By A Two-To-One Margin.”** According to a FreedomWorks press release accessed via Nexis, “America's federal income tax system is neither simple nor fair, according to a statewide voter survey commissioned by Citizens for a Sound Economy (CSE) Foundation. New Hampshire voters support a flat tax as a potential replacement by a two-to-one margin. Only 7 percent of the respondents believe tax reform should be enacted without any additional federal spending cuts. And 92 percent of those surveyed agreed that the ‘income tax system in the U.S. should be changed.’” [FreedomWorks press release accessed via Nexis, 4/20/99]

**CSE Foundation President Paul Beckner Said New Hampshire’s Prosperity Had Been Linked To The Absence Of Broad-Based Taxes.** According to a FreedomWorks, “New Hampshire Citizens for a Sound Economy will create a permanent presence for the growing numbers of CSE members in the Granite State. Currently, over 1,000 residents are already involved,” said Paul Beckner, CSE Foundation President. A strong independent voice for taxpayers is needed in New Hampshire because there is a real threat to the ‘New Hampshire advantage’ – one where the state’s prosperity had been linked to the absence of broad-based taxes.” [FreedomWorks, [9/8/99](#)]

## **CSE Advocated For Policies Pushing Social Security Toward Privatization**

**CSE New Hampshire State Director Chuck McGee Applauded President Bush's Leadership In Supporting Social Security Reform That Includes Voluntary Personal Retirement Accounts For Younger Workers.** According to FreedomWorks, "In response to President Bush's State of the Union address, New Hampshire Citizens for a Sound Economy (NH CSE) State Director Chuck McGee released the following statement: 'Tonight, President Bush showed true leadership in supporting Social Security reform that includes voluntary Personal Retirement Accounts for younger workers. Every reasonable person in America realizes the grim prospects of the Social Security system. Both the Government Accounting Office and the Social Security Administration (SSA) have stated that the system will run a deficit by 2018 and even the SSA has recognized Personal Retirement Accounts as a viable solution. That is why NH CSE and For Our Grandchildren have been working for the last year to educate and mobilize the citizens of New Hampshire on the issue of Social Security reform.'" [FreedomWorks, [1/21/04](#)]

- **CSE New Hampshire State Director Chuck McGee "Rebuked Sen. John Kerry For Suggesting That Social Security Could Be Strengthened By Raising Taxes And Reducing Benefits."** According to FreedomWorks accessed via the Wayback Machine, "New Hampshire Citizens for a Sound Economy (NH CSE) State Director Chuck McGee today rebuked Sen. John Kerry for suggesting that Social Security could be strengthened by raising taxes and reducing benefits." [FreedomWorks accessed via the Wayback Machine, [8/21/03](#)]

**Citizens For A Sound Economy Supported New Hampshire Sen. John Sununu And Rep. Paul Ryan's "Dramatic And Sweeping Social Security Reform Proposal."** According to Human Events, "Last week, Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.) and Sen. John Sununu (R-N.H.) introduced a dramatic and sweeping Social Security reform proposal. The legislation would allow workers the option of having personal retirement accounts, rather than relying on a Social Security system that is financially unsustainable. [...] A broad coalition of grassroots activist groups, taxpayer organizations and free market leaders support this reform. Leading the way is the Alliance for Retirement Prosperity, with national co-chairs Jack Kemp of Empower America, Dick Arme of Citizens for a Sound Economy, and former Social Security Commissioner Dorcas Hardy." [Human Events, [7/20/04](#)]

## **THE KOCH NETWORK'S HISTORY OF TRYING TO HIJACK NEW HAMPSHIRE**

### **Koch Engineering Of The Tea Party**

#### **THE KOCH BROTHERS WERE CONSIDERED THE "FINANCIAL ENGINE OF THE TEA PARTY"**

**Charles Koch Acknowledged That "A Lot Of The Groups" That He "Supported Have Essentially Provided Financial Fertilizer For The Tea Party."** According to an interview posted to YouTube by CBS Sunday Morning, when asked by interviewer Anthony Mason, "A lot of the groups that you've supported have essentially provided financial fertilizer for the Tea Party, would you agree with that?," Charles Koch responded, saying, "Yes. Yes." [CBS Sunday Morning - YouTube, [10/11/15](#)]

**2002: The Koch-Founded Citizens For A Sound Economy "Started Its US Tea Party Project."** According to a research paper by Amanda Fallin, Rachel Grana, and Stanton A Glantz for the international peer-reviewed journal Tobacco Control, "CSE, one of the third-party 'anti-tax' tobacco industry partners, was a think tank dedicated to free market economics. CSE (which split into AFP and FreedomWorks in 2004) was co-founded in 1984 by David Koch, of Koch Industries, and Richard Fink, former professor of economics at George Mason University, who has worked for Koch Industries since 1990. CSE supported the agendas of the tobacco and other industries, including oil, chemical, pharmaceutical and telecommunications, and was funded by them. In 2002, before Tea Party politics were widely discussed in the mainstream media, CSE started its US Tea Party (<http://www.usteaparty.com>) project, the website of which stated 'our US Tea Party is a national event, hosted



continuously online and open to all Americans who feel our taxes are too high and the tax code is too complicated.” [Amanda Fallin, Rachel Grana, Stanton A Glantz – Tobacco Control, [2/8/13](#)]

**2009: “When CNBC's Rick Santelli Called From The Floor Of The Chicago Mercantile Exchange For A Bankers' Revolt Against The Undeserving Poor [...] On The Same Day, Americans For Prosperity Set Up A Tea Party Facebook Page And Started Organising Tea Party Events.”** According to an opinion by George Monbiot for the Guardian, “Americans for Prosperity is one of several groups set up by the Kochs to promote their politics. We know their foundations have given it at least \$5m, but few such records are in the public domain and the total could be much higher. It has toured the country organising rallies against healthcare reform and the Democrats' attempts to tackle climate change. It provided the key organising tools that set the Tea Party running. The movement began when CNBC's Rick Santelli called from the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for a bankers' revolt against the undeserving poor. (He proposed that the traders should hold a tea party to dump derivative securities in Lake Michigan to prevent Obama's plan to "subsidise the losers": by which he meant people whose mortgages had fallen into arrears.) On the same day, Americans for Prosperity set up a Tea Party Facebook page and started organising Tea Party events.” [George Monbiot – Guardian, [10/25/10](#)]

- **Rick Santelli Made The “First Mention Of The Term ‘Tea Party’” Regarding Bailouts And AFP’s Phil Kerpen Followed With A Facebook Page Calling For Tea Party Demonstrations Across The Country, Which Led Back To The AFP-Run TaxpayerTeaParty.com.** According to an opinion by Jane Hamsher for the Huffington Post, “February 19 -- Rick Santelli rant: ‘We're thinking of having a Chicago Tea Party in July. All you capitalists that want to show up to Lake Michigan, I'm gonna start organizing.’ First mention of the term ‘tea party.’ Clip goes straight onto Drudge. [...] February 20: A Facebook page goes up calling for Tea Party demonstrations across the country: [‘Rick Santelli is right, we need a Taxpayer (Chicago) Tea Party[.] Rick Santelli is dead right! Enough bailouts of everyone who acted recklessly! It's time to stand up for all the regular people who played by the rules! Taxpayer Tea Party![]’] Listed admins include Odom and Brendan Steinhauer of Dick Armey's Freedomworks. The creator is Phil Kerpen of Americans for Prosperity, and the Facebook Group leads back to a site called taxpayerteaparty.com, run by Americans for Prosperity.” [Jane Hamsher – Huffington Post, [5/25/11](#)]
- **AFP Chapters Across The Country Steered People Toward Tea Party Events.** According to a report by Jane Meyer in the New Yorker, “Americans for Prosperity has worked closely with the Tea Party since the movement’s inception. In the weeks before the first Tax Day protests, in April, 2009, Americans for Prosperity hosted a Web site offering supporters ‘Tea Party Talking Points.’ The Arizona branch urged people to send tea bags to Obama; the Missouri branch urged members to sign up for ‘Taxpayer Tea Party Registration’ and provided directions to nine protests. The group continues to stoke the rebellion. The North Carolina branch recently launched a ‘Tea Party Finder’ Web site, advertised as ‘a hub for all the Tea Parties in North Carolina.’ The anti-government fervor infusing the 2010 elections represents a political triumph for the Kochs. By giving money to ‘educate,’ fund, and organize Tea Party protesters, they have helped turn their private agenda into a mass movement.” [Jane Meyer – New Yorker, [8/30/10](#)]

**2011 Tax Year: Freedom Partners Gave At Least \$800,000 In Grants To Tea Party Groups.** According to its 2011 Form 990 filing with the IRS accessed via Citizen Audit, Freedom Partners provided a cash grant of \$600,000 for “general support” to the State Tea Party Express and a cash grant of \$200,000 for “general support” to the Tea Party Patriots. [2011 Form 990, Freedom Partners via Citizen Audit, [9/15/13](#)]

**2011: A Romney Internal Campaign Memo Stated That David Koch Was The “Financial Engine Of The Tea Party.”** According to Mother Jones, “During the 2012 primaries, [Mitt] Romney aggressively sought the support of David Koch. An internal campaign memo obtained by the Washington Times revealed that Romney courted Koch in October 2011 after Christie chose not to run. The October 4, 2011, memo characterized David Koch as the ‘financial engine of the Tea Party’ even though Koch ‘denies being directly involved.’” [Mother Jones, [1/22/15](#)]

- **Washington Post’s The Fix: “No Organization Was More Effective” Than AFP “At Turning Tea Party Activism Into Grassroots Organizing, Collecting The Names Of People Who Could Be Turned Out To Lobby Their Legislators.”** According to The Fix blog in the Washington Post, “Only after dismissing Trump’s hubris has the press noticed the candidate’s political team. His campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, was at one point running three state chapters of David Koch’s Americans for Prosperity. No organization was more effective at

turning Tea Party activism into grassroots organizing, collecting the names of people who could be turned out to lobby their legislators.” [The Fix - Washington Post, [7/27/15](#)]

- **Longtime Koch Operative Peggy Venable: AFP Educated Tea Party Activists On Policy Details And Gave Them “Next-Step Training” After Their Rallies In Order To Channel Their Political Energy.** According to a report by Jane Meyer in the New Yorker, “At the lectern in Austin, however, [Peggy] Venable—a longtime political operative who draws a salary from Americans for Prosperity, and who has worked for Koch-funded political groups since 1994—spoke less warily. ‘We love what the Tea Parties are doing, because that’s how we’re going to take back America!’ she declared, as the crowd cheered. In a subsequent interview, she described herself as an early member of the movement, joking, ‘I was part of the Tea Party before it was cool!’ She explained that the role of Americans for Prosperity was to help ‘educate’ Tea Party activists on policy details, and to give them ‘next-step training’ after their rallies, so that their political energy could be channelled ‘more effectively.’” [Jane Meyer – New Yorker, [8/30/10](#)]

## **AFP-NH BOASTED THAT THEY WERE “VERY ACTIVE” IN THE EFFORT TO “ESTABLISH AND BRAND THE TEA PARTY MOVEMENT”**

### **AFP-NH Credited Itself And Earned Praise For The Tea Party’s Rise**

**AFP-NH State Director Lewandowski On His Biggest Successes: “We Were Very Active In Helping Establish And Brand The Tea Party Movement Here In New Hampshire.”** According to the New Hampshire Business Review, “Corey Lewandowski, state director of Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire, says his organization is taking a ‘long-term approach’ in its fight for limited government, lower taxes and more freedom. [...] Q. What do you count as your biggest successes? A. We were very active in helping establish and brand the Tea Party movement here in New Hampshire. We believe in that same spirit of local control. We have recruited and endorsed candidates, and you saw what happened in 2010 - we helped put Republicans back in control of the State House and elected two congressmen (Charlie Bass and Frank Guinta) and Kelly Ayotte to the U.S. Senate.” [New Hampshire Business Review, 8/10/12]

- **NH Journal: Lewandowski “Was Instrumental In Getting Granite State Tea Parties Organized Throughout The State.”** According to the New Hampshire Journal, “Corey heads up the state chapter of Americans for Prosperity and is widely believed to have the most vibrant and up-to-date lists of conservatives in the New Hampshire. He was instrumental in getting Granite State tea parties organized throughout the state. Presidential campaigns will be making a run at this conservative with a broad network.” [New Hampshire Journal, [12/19/10](#)]

### **Union Leader: AFP Honorary Chairman Thomson “Noted That He Was A Leading Organizer Of Tea Party Rallies At The State House And In Manchester That Were ‘The Five Largest Tea Party Events In New Hampshire.’”**

According to the Union Leader, “Thomson said he did not seek the label, but also noted that he was a leading organizer of Tea Party rallies at the State House and in Manchester that were ‘the five largest Tea Party events in New Hampshire.’” [‘I consider myself a Tea Party person. I’m not a card carrying member, but I don’t have to be,’ he said.” [Union Leader, 12/15/11]

### **2010: AFP-NH Asked U.S. Senate Candidates What They Would Do To Support The Tea Party Movement If Elected, Was Thanked “For Being An Important Part Of The Tea Party Movement” By Ovide Lamontagne.**

According a YouTube video uploaded by the conservative Granite Grok blog, AFP-NH director Corey Lewandowski stated, “Our next question is more of a recent phenomenon. Very specifically, it revolves around the April 15 tea parties. So my question is ‘What do you believe the Tea Party movement is all about? Do you represent that movement? And, if so, if you were elected to the United States Senate, what would you do to support that movement?’” Candidate Ovide Lamontagne responded, “Well, Cory, first of all, I want to thank you and your organization for being an important part of the Tea Party movement.” [Granite Grok - YouTube, [6/8/10](#)]

### **AFP-NH Held Several Events In Support Of The Tea Party**

**AFP-NH Held An Estimated 100 Training Sessions, Contributing To The Possibility Of An “Enduring Tea Party Presence.”** According to the Boston Globe, “The work of groups like Americans for Prosperity in individual communities may create the most enduring Tea Party presence. Americans for Prosperity says it has chapters in more than 30 states,

including New Hampshire, where state director Corey R. Lewandowski estimates he has held 100 training sessions for local activists over the last two years. Lewandowski schools them on how to get public records from their town halls and launch crusades against excessive government spending in their communities.” [Boston Globe, [9/3/11](#)]

**2009: AFP-NH Promoted “A Taxpayer Tea Party On The Capitol” And Launched A Website Dedicated To Promoting The Tea Party.** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website obtained via the Wayback Machine, “Americans for Prosperity- New Hampshire AFP will join thousands of activists across the state on April 15th for a taxpayer tea party on the Capitol steps in Concord to protest wasteful government spending at the state and federal levels. ‘I could think of no better venue for a rally focused on out-of-control spending taking place in New Hampshire and Washington than the steps of the Capitol here in Concord,’ said AFP New Hampshire State Director Corey Lewandowski. [...] Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire launched [www.stopthebailoutnh.com](#) in December 2008 to give the citizens of New Hampshire an opportunity to tell elected officials the hard working people of New Hampshire don’t support government bailouts. Over 2,000 citizens of New Hampshire signed the petition. For more information, please visit [www.taxpayerteaparty.com](#).” [Americans for Prosperity, [3/31/09](#)]

- **AFP-NH Organized Tea Party Tax Day Protests Using The “Ax The Tax” Slogan Of Gov. Mel Thomson, Late Father Of AFP-NH Honorary Chair Tom Thomson, As A Rallying Cry.** According to the Union Leader, “The spirit of tax fighter Mel Thomson inspired tea party protesters assembled at Victory Park to chant ‘Ax the tax! Ax the tax!’ At the Tax Day rally, one of a half dozen held yesterday around the state, residents expressed their disgust for federal spending and corporate bailouts. [...] The New Hampshire chapter of Americans for Prosperity, a fiscally conservative group that advocates for limited government and free markets, organized the Concord event. ‘We’re taxed enough already, that’s the bottom line,’ said Corey Lewandowski, state director of Americans for Prosperity. The TEA in tea party stands for ‘Taxed Enough Already.’ Other tea party protests were held yesterday in Conway, Dover, Keene, Plymouth, and Portsmouth. Tom Thomson, a son of the late Gov. Mel Thomson, urged the crowd in Manchester to stay involved in local and state politics in the fight for lower taxes and limited government.” [Union Leader, 4/16/09]

**AFP-NH Honorary Chair Tom Thomson Was A Keynote Speaker At The 2010 Manchester Tea Party Tax Day Protest.** According to a post on the NH Tea Party Coalition website, “JOIN US for a TAX DAY TEA PARTY on April 15, 2010 in Manchester in Victory Park from 5:30 PM to dusk. Victory Park is located between Chestnut Street and the Manchester City Library. There is a parking garage on Chestnut Street and a lot with meters on Concord Street next to the park. Last year’s event drew 4,000 people. [...] KEYNOTES – [...] Thom Thomson, son of the late NH Governor Meldrim Thomson (Meldrim Thomson is famous for his sayings: ‘Low Taxes are the Result of Low Spending’ and ‘Ax the Tax’)[.]” [NH Tea Party Coalition, [4/10/10](#)]

- **CWA Of New Hampshire Hosted A Table At The Event.** According to Concerned Women for America of New Hampshire, “CWA of New Hampshire will be hosting a table at this Tea Party event. Stop by and visit us! We will have information on state issues plus how to get involved in making New Hampshire a great place to live and work. We encourage you to find out how you can start a Prayer/Action Chapter in your church or community. Prayer is where all change begins, and action puts feet to those prayers.” The blog post was titled “CWA of New Hampshire to Host Table at Tax Day Tea Party in Manchester.” [Concerned Women for America, [3/23/10](#)]

**2011: AFP Recruited Several Presidential Candidates To Its “Taxpayer Tea Party Rally.”** According to The Hill, “Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty (R) will headline a Tea Party rally in New Hampshire *[sic]* next month alongside former Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.). The ‘taxpayer Tea Party rally,’ sponsored by Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire, will take place at the state house in Concord on April 15. Pawlenty is also the third rumored 2012 hopeful to confirm his attendance at an event AFP is billing as a ‘presidential summit on spending and job creation,’ according to the group’s state director Corey Lewandowski. That event will take place on April 29 and includes a dinner honoring New Hampshire Republican Ovide Lamontagne.” [The Hill, [3/16/11](#)]

- **2011: AFP-NH Was An Underwriter For TEA Party Express’ NH Tour, “Sponsoring The Big Jumbotron At The Events.”** According to Granite Grok, “Although the TEA Party Express (and the PAC behind it) is the main sponsor of their tour that took them to Concord last night and Manchester and Nashua today, Americans for

Prosperity / NH also was an underwriter here in NH. As Corey Lewandowski, Executive Director of AFP/NH, put it – they’re sponsoring the big Jumbotron at the events.” [Granite Grok, [9/5/11](#)]

**2014: AFP Teamed With Citizens United To Hold “The First-Ever ‘Freedom Summit,’” “Timed To Precede The Income Tax Filing Deadline.”** According to the Union Leader, “An influential group of national conservative leaders will gather in New Hampshire in April for the first-ever ‘Freedom Summit,’ organized by Citizens United and the Americans for Prosperity Foundation. The two advocacy groups said Tuesday that confirmed so far for the April 12 event at the Executive Court in Manchester are business magnate Donald Trump, Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Mike Lee of Utah, former Arkansas Gov. and Fox News Channel talk show host Mike Huckabee, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee and American Enterprise Institute president Arthur Brooks. The groups said additional speakers are expected to be announced in the near future. The event comes as the 2014 mid-term election campaigns begin to ramp up and is timed to precede the income tax filing deadline of April 15.” [Union Leader, 2/5/14]

## **The Free State Project – New Hampshire’s Koch-Backed Secessionist Group**

### **THE FREE STATE PROJECT IS A SELF-DESCRIBED SECESSIONIST LIBERTARIAN GROUP WORKING TO TAKE OVER NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Free State Project Founder Jason Sorens: “Once We’ve Taken Over The State Government [...] We Can Bargain With The National Government Over Reducing The Role Of The National Government In Our State. We Can Use The Threat Of Secession As Leverage To Do This.”** According to Jason Sorens’ announcement of the Free State Project in the Libertarian Enterprise, “Once we’ve taken over the state government, we can slash state and local budgets, which make up a sizeable proportion of the tax and regulatory burden we face every day. Furthermore, we can eliminate substantial federal interference by refusing to take highway funds and the strings attached to them. Once we’ve accomplished these things, we can bargain with the national government over reducing the role of the national government in our state. We can use the threat of secession as leverage to do this.” [Jason Sorens – Libertarian Enterprise, [7/23/01](#)]

- **Sorens Later Compared The Motivating Impulse Of Scottish Secessionism To New Hampshire, Citing A Poll Claiming A Quarter Of Americans Favored Secession For Their State.** According to an opinion by Jason Sorens for the Washington Post, “On Thursday, a majority of Scots voted against independence from the United Kingdom. Their desire for self-determination, though, is easy to understand: The same impulse motivates present-day demands for federalism and state autonomy in the United States. Over the past decade, for instance, the Free State Project has been drawing libertarians to the relatively libertarian-friendly state of New Hampshire to pursue smaller government. Could New Hampshire or another state (one in four Americans want their state to secede, according to a poll last week) ever hold its own vote on independence? From the perspective of the libertarians, there are good reasons for frustration with the federal government.” [Jason Sorens - Washington Post, 9/22/14]
- **Sorens: “New Hampshire Joined The Union On Condition That It Remain A Fully Sovereign State Free To Break The Tie With The United States.”** According to an opinion by Jason Sorens for the Washington Post, “Free association is the original American way. The country was founded on an act of secession. Consider New Hampshire’s possible future. While the Free State Project does not endorse independence for New Hampshire - or any specific legislation - its ‘Statement of Intent’ endorses government limited strictly to protecting people’s rights. Free Staters generally support more autonomy for the state. If the federal government won’t let New Hampshire opt out of the vast federal Leviathan, then what? New Hampshire joined the union on condition that it remain a fully sovereign state free to break the tie with the United States if that link were no longer in its interest. Article 7 of the New Hampshire Constitution declares that ‘the people of this state have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign, and independent State; and do, and forever hereafter shall, exercise and enjoy every power, jurisdiction, and right, pertaining thereto, which is not, or may not hereafter be, by them expressly delegated to the United States of America in congress assembled.’ Banning secession would break this original agreement.” [Jason Sorens - Washington Post, 9/22/14]
- **The Concept Of Secession Was “Central To The Free State Project,” Though Sorens Later Warned That Conversations Could Be Framed In Terms Of “Self-Government” But Not Secession.** According to the Keene



Sentinel, “Specifically, a proposal that New Hampshire secede from the United States was the topic of the morning’s panel at Keenevention -- the second annual event in Keene for ‘liberty-minded’ activists. The concept was once central to the Free State Project, Jason Sorens’ 2001 idea as a Yale University Ph.D. student to convince 20,000 libertarians to move to New Hampshire and create a utopia of limited government. But as panelists discussed the terms of a New Hampshire secession, it wasn’t that simple. Over more than an hour, the conversation jumped from the intricacies of the recent failed vote for Scottish independence to a proposal that each person on Earth be considered an independent nation -- that’s over 7 billion countries -- to Sorens’ claim that the people of New Hampshire aren’t ready for secession and need to be wooed with simpler ideas. ‘You can talk to people about self-government,’ Sorens warned. ‘Not secession.’ Potential participants may be put off by the idea if they think it’s too extreme, he said.” [Keene Sentinel, 11/3/14]

**Free State Project Founder Jason Sorens: The Government's Only Role Should Be To Defend Citizens From Force And Fraud.** According to the Associated Press, “Jason Sorens, 25, a political science doctoral candidate, Libertarian and founder of the Free State Project, plans to enlist 20,000 ‘liberty-oriented individuals’ to move to a state and reform its laws, from criminal codes to tax structure. The government’s only role should be to defend citizens from force and fraud, he believes.” [Associated Press, 10/13/02]

**Sorens: “We Would Want To Separate Education From The State.”** According to the Seattle Times, “‘We wish to decrease the size of government by about a half to two-thirds,’ said Jason Sorens, 26, a political-science teacher at Yale University who founded the group. ‘Ultimately, that would involve limiting the role of government to defending individual rights, enforcing contracts, punishing violent criminals, etc. We would want to separate education from the state.’” [Seattle Times, 10/2/03]

**Free State Leader Tim Condon: "The People That I've Met In New Hampshire Do Not Want To Be Told How To Live Their Lives."** According to the Associated Press, “The Free State Project recently grabbed headlines when a member of a splinter group, the Free Town Project, published an ‘enemies list’ that named several Grafton town officials. The member has since been expelled, but Free Staters have learned their lesson. They are urging members to tread lightly when they move to New Hampshire. ‘When we move into New Hampshire, we’re the new kids on the block,’ said Tim Condon, a Free State leader. ‘The people that I’ve met in New Hampshire do not want to be told how to live their lives.’” [Associated Press, 6/25/04]

## **FREE STATE PROJECT FOUNDER JASON SORENS RECEIVED OVER \$35,000 IN KOCH-BACKED GRANTS...**

**Jason Sorens Received Over \$35,000 In Grants From DonorsTrust And The Charles G. Koch Foundation.** According to an archived copy of Jason Sorens’ Dartmouth University CV page, “Charles G. Koch Foundation, 2010-11, ‘Freedom, Migration, and Growth in the U.S.’ \$7,960 for research assistants (Suparna Soni and Lance Newman). Role: PI. DonorsTrust, Research Workshop Series in Markets and States, \$15,000 (2008-10), \$7,500 (2010-11), \$5,000 (2011-12). Role: director.” [Dartmouth, archived [10/24/14](#)]

## **... AND HAS SPENT THE BULK OF HIS CAREER WORKING FOR KOCH-BACKED GROUPS**

**Jason Sorens Was A Fellow At The Institute for Humane Studies In 2003.** According to an archived copy of Jason Sorens’ University of Buffalo CV page, “Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2003.” [Buffalo, archived [7/12/07](#)]

**Sorens Was A Conference Director For The Liberty Fund In 2007, 2008, 2010.** According to an archived copy of Jason Sorens’ Dartmouth University CV page, “Conference Director, Liberty Fund colloquium on ‘Nationalism, the State, and Liberty,’ Montreal, Canada, October 2010. Conference Director, Liberty Fund colloquium on ‘Political Obligation and State Legitimacy,’ San Francisco, Cal., June 2008. Conference Director, Liberty Fund colloquium on ‘Secession, Local Autonomy, and Liberty,’ New Castle, N.H., April 2007.” [Dartmouth, archived [10/24/14](#)]

**Sorens Became An Affiliated Scholar With The Mercatus Center At George Mason University In 2008.** According to an archived copy of Jason Sorens' Mercatus bio, "Jason Sorens is a lecturer in the department of government at Dartmouth College. He has been an affiliated scholar with the Mercatus Center at George Mason University since 2008. His primary research interests include fiscal federalism, public policy in federal systems, secessionism, and ethnic politics." [Mercatus, archived [9/6/15](#)]

**Sorens Was A Lecturer At The Institute for Humane Studies In 2011.** According to an archived copy of Jason Sorens' Dartmouth University CV page, "Lecturer, Institute for Humane Studies summer seminar for graduate students, Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, PA, June 11-17, 2011." [Dartmouth, archived [10/24/14](#)]

**Sorens Was A Panelist For The Charles Koch Institute In 2014.** According to an archived copy of Jason Sorens' Dartmouth University CV page, "Unpaid panelist, Charles Koch Institute and Oklahoma Center for Policy Analysis, 'Expanding Opportunity in Oklahoma,' June 11, 2014." [Dartmouth, archived [10/24/14](#)]

## **THE FREE STATE PROJECT'S ANNUAL NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY FORUM WAS AFP-NH SPONSORED AND FACILITATED WITH KOCH SPEAKERS...**

**AFP-NH Was A Sponsor Of The New Hampshire Liberty Forum Hosted By The Free State Project.** According to the New Hampshire Liberty Forum's website, Americans for Prosperity Foundation New Hampshire was a Tier 5 sponsor. [nhlibertyforum.com, accessed [3/9/15](#)]

- **David Boaz, Executive Vice President Of The Cato Institute, Was Listed As A Speaker For The New Hampshire Liberty Forum Hosted By The Free State Project.** According to the New Hampshire Liberty Forum's website obtained via the Way Back Machine, Cato Institute Executive Vice President David Boaz was listed as a speaker. [nhlibertyforum.com, archived [2/19/15](#)]
- **Charlie Arlinghaus, President Of The Josiah Bartlett Center, Was Listed As A Speaker For The New Hampshire Liberty Forum Hosted By The Free State Project.** According to the New Hampshire Liberty Forum's website, Charlie Arlinghaus was listed as a speaker. [nhlibertyforum.com, archived [3/18/15](#)]
- **William Ruger, VP Of Research And Policy At The Charles Koch Institute And VP Of Research At The Charles Koch Foundation, Was Listed As A Speaker For The New Hampshire Liberty Forum Hosted By The Free State Project.** According to the New Hampshire Liberty Forum website, William Ruger was listed as a speaker. [nhlibertyforum.com, archived [2/19/15](#)]

## **... THE PROJECT STEERED SUPPORTERS TO AFP AS A PARTNER IN SHIFTING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S POLITICAL CLIMATE...**

**Free State Project Called On Supporters To "Join AFP" In An Effort To "Shift The Political Climate Here In New Hampshire."** According to Free State Project press releases via US Official News, "Join AFP as we survey fellow Granite Staters on where they stand on economic issues. By identifying and educating as many of of [sic] friends and neighbors as possible, we will be able to shift the political climate here in New Hampshire. We'll be doing some basic, easy survey calls on where granite staters stand on issues like taxes, spending, and Obamacare. Pizza from Alley Cat will be served to all phonebankers!" [Free State Project via US Official News, 5/29/14]

- **The Call To Join AFP In An Effort To Change New Hampshire Was Repeated 80 Times Between June 2014 And January 2015.** [Free State Project, 6/3/14; 6/7/14; 6/12/14; 6/18/14; 6/23/14; 6/26/14; 6/30/14; 7/1/14; 7/4/14; 7/7/14; 7/18/14; 7/22/14; 8/18/14; 9/26/14; 10/11/14; 10/16/14; 10/18/14; 10/20/14; 10/21/14; 10/22/14; 10/24/14; 10/25/14; 10/27/14; 10/28/14; 10/29/14; 10/30/14; 10/31/14; 11/1/14; 11/3/14; 11/5/14; 11/8/14; 11/10/14; 11/11/14; 11/12/14; 11/13/14; 11/14/14; 11/15/14; 11/17/14; 11/18/14; 11/19/14; 11/20/14; 11/21/14; 11/22/14; 11/25/14; 11/27/14; 11/28/14; 11/29/14; 12/1/14; 12/2/14; 12/3/14; 12/4/14; 12/5/14; 12/6/14; 12/8/14; 12/9/14; 12/10/14; 12/11/14; 12/15/14; 12/16/14; 12/17/14; 12/18/14; 12/19/14;

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## ... COORDINATED DIRECTLY WITH AFP IN THEIR ANTI-TAX EFFORTS...

**AFP Organized “A Group Of About 10 Protestors” In Response To Gov. Hassan’s Signing Of A Bill That Increased The State’s Gas Tax By Four Cents.** According to New Hampshire Public Radio, “It was a windy morning with construction work nearby as Governor Hassan lauded the bipartisan efforts of lawmakers. ‘This bipartisan bill that I’ll be signing in a couple of minutes is the most significant state-level investment in our infrastructure in twenty-three years.’ Beginning July 1st, the state’s gas tax will rise four cents from its current 18 cents. The Department of Transportation will borrow \$200 million in bonds to allow for the widening of I-93 north of exit three. After the first two years, half the revenue from the gas tax will go towards paying the debt. As Hassan signed the bill, a group of about 10 protesters organized by Americans for Prosperity stood by with signs objecting to the increase.” [New Hampshire Public Radio, [5/20/14](#)]

- **Free Keene: “Free Staters In Collaboration With The NH Chapter Of Americans For Prosperity Joined In A Protest Of This Increased Theft By The State”** According to the Free Keene website, “On May 20th, 2014 NH Governor Maggie Hassan used the back drop of a highway construction site to sign into law an increase on the state tax on gas. This was most likely done to show that they plan on using the extra stolen funds to finish a project that was already started with stolen funds. Further, NH State Troopers were used to shut down the highway when the Governor and the rest of the participants in the signing ceremony were traveling from the staging area to the construction site. Free Staters in collaboration with the NH chapter of Americans for Prosperity joined in a protest of this increased theft by the state. Even though many within the liberty community disagree with some positions of the AFP (this blogger included), there is a benefit when working toward common goals. Especially when that goal is to reject theft at the hands of the state. I hope to see more collaborative work among Free Staters and any group or organization that shares the same goals of a specific issue. Free Keene bloggers Joel Valenzuela and Rich Paul were also took part in this protest.” [Free Keene, [5/23/14](#)]

**Free State Project President Carla Gericke Announced AFP-NH’s Patrick Shaheen Would Be The Spotlight Speaker At “One Of The Longest-Running And Largest Monthly Get-Togethers Of Free State Project Participants And Friends In The Country.”** According to a Facebook event posting, “Merrimack Valley Porcupine meetup December. It’s great to see the FSP bringing all these pro-freedom activists to NH, but MVP is more than just that... It’s a gathering place for all folks in the Merrimack Valley passionate about liberty. For those not familiar with this decade+ old meet-up, it takes place on the first Saturday of the month in varying locations, and is independently run from the FSP. Be sure to spread the word... in fact... maybe we should have a ‘Bring a Buddy’ day, where we can introduce new people to the meeting? ~Carla Gericke[.] The Speaker: Patrick Shaheen with Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire will be our spotlight speaker.” According to the Free State Project’s March 2014 Newsletter accessed via Tumblr, “The Merrimack Valley Porcupines (‘MVP’ for short) is one of the longest-running and largest monthly get-togethers of Free State Project participants and friends in the country.” [Facebook, archived [12/7/15](#); Free State Project Newsletter – Tumblr, [March 2014](#)]

## ...AND AFP HAS HAD FREE STATE PROJECT MEMBERS AS PART OF ITS OFFICIAL STAFF

### Former AFP-NH Field Director Matt Ciepielowski

**Matt Ciepielowski Was AFP-NH Field Director From April 2012 Through February 2015.** According to his LinkedIn profile, “Field Director[.] Americans for Prosperity[.] April 2012 – February 2015 (2 years 11 months)[.] New Hampshire[.] Develop relationships with activists and grassroots organizations[.] Assist in voter education through direct mail, events, door knocking, and phone banking[.] Organize GOTV campaign utilizing 40 paid canvassers/phonebankers and 60 out of state volunteers. Managed 130,000 piece lit drop operation and 227,000 dial phonebank operation prior to 2012 elections.” [LinkedIn, Accessed [10/25/15](#)]

- **Ciepielowski Moved To New Hampshire “For The Free State Project.”** According to episode #15 of the Rebel Love Show, “JOËL VALENZUELA: First, I hear you hail from the land of gators. MATT CIEPIELOWSKI: Well, I

do not hail from the land of gators but that is where I was located previous to my relocation for the Free State Project.” [Rebel Love Show – iTunes, [7/11/14](#)]

- **The Circumstances Around Ciepielowski’s Move Were Detailed In The September 2013 Edition Of The Free State Project Newsletter.** According to an article by Linnie Leavines for the Free State Project newsletter, “My first flirtation with moving to New Hampshire happened during the Presidential primary. I flew up to help out the Paul campaign in the weeks leading up to the election and met quite a few Free Staters while working in the office. I remember finding them quite persuasive in their efforts to coax me to join the FSP! Though I was still unsure of my future at the time, I was undoubtedly intrigued; I signed the pledge and returned home. [...] Eventually, we got the news that Matt had been hired as the New Hampshire field coordinator for Americans for Prosperity! Remembering my incredible time during the primary, I couldn’t help but think the timing -- and the place -- was perfect. [...] Matt and I both love connecting with other Free Staters.” [Free State Project, [September 2013](#)]

### **New Hampshire Field Director Patrick Shaheen**

**Patrick Shaheen Became An AFP New Hampshire Field Director In November 2015.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Patrick Shaheen became a New Hampshire Field Director for Americans for Prosperity in November 2015. [LinkedIn, Accessed [12/7/15](#)]

- **Shaheen Identified As A Member Of The Free State Project.** According to his Twitter profile, Patrick Shaheen was a “Free-Marketeer, Pre-stater, and Recovering Law Student.” According to the Concord Monitor, pre-staters were those who had “been backing the liberty cause in New Hampshire since before the Free State Project existed.” [Patrick Shaheen – Twitter, Archived [12/7/15](#); Concord Monitor, [3/7/15](#)]

### **AFP-NH Field Associate Joël Valenzuela**

**Joël Valenzuela Became A Field Associate With Americans For Prosperity In April 2014.** According to his LinkedIn profile, “Field Associate[,] Americans for Prosperity[,] April 2014 – Present (1 year 7 months)[.] New Hampshire[.] 1) Conduct door-to-door canvassing, phone banking, and other grassroots activism across the state[.] 2) Identify, recruit, train, and direct volunteers for activism[.] 3) Staff events and trainings[.] 4) Recruit participants for Grassroots Leadership Academy trainings[.]” [LinkedIn, Accessed [10/19/15](#)]

- **Valenzuela “Moved To New Hampshire From Arizona In 2013 Before Ever Setting Foot In New England.”** According to the Concord Monitor, “For Joel Valenzuela, PorcFest is a laboratory. [...] Valenzuela, who moved to New Hampshire from Arizona in 2013 before ever setting foot in New England, said, ‘Everywhere else there’s a sort of hesitancy when trying to adopt new things or new ways of life. This is one place where people just seem to have that sort of creative excitement where anything they want to try they’re willing to try there.’” [Concord Monitor, [6/19/15](#)]
- **Valenzuela Was “One Of The Prime Content Creators In Manchester” And Joined Free Keene As A Blogger In 2014.** According to Free Keene, “Free Keene welcomes Joël Valenzuela as our newest blogger! Joël is one of the prime content creators in Manchester and he joins existing Manch bloggers Robert Mathias, JJ Schelessinger, and William Kostic to help feature some of the great activism happening there that has gone woefully unreported. Here’s his bio from the Bloggers page: ‘Joël moved to New Hampshire for the Free State Project in September of 2013 after making a promise to always be on the front lines of liberty. He runs The Desert Lynx blog and writes for numerous other publications. Valenzuela’s undergraduate education is in Statesmanship, and his postgraduate in Global Affairs. He worked for over a decade in public policy for such organizations as the Goldwater Institute, the Alliance for School Choice, the Cato Institute, the Leadership Institute, Americans for Prosperity, and the Western Center for Journalism. When not running The Desert Lynx, Valenzuela is a full-time martial arts instructor.’” [Free Keene, [3/25/14](#)]

## **THE FREE STATE PROJECT CHOSE NEW HAMPSHIRE FROM SEVERAL OTHER STATES IT TARGETED FOR “ENTRENCHED POLITICAL CONTROL”**



**The Free State Project Was Based On The Premise “That 20,000 Activists Could Heavily Influence” States With Under About 1.5 Million Population.** According to Reason, “And then there’s Jason Sorens’ plan, which combines the first two approaches: Find people who agree with you, move en masse to a designated place, and then start voting. Sorens, a libertarian graduate student at Yale, is the founder of the Free State Project. ‘Our research so far,’ the project’s Web site declares, ‘indicates that 20,000 activists could heavily influence only states with under about 1.5 million population, or which spend less than \$10 million on political campaigns in any given two-year election cycle.’ Once other considerations-- ‘coastal access,’ ‘a decent job market,’ ‘a native culture that’s already pro liberty’--are taken into account, Sorens says, four potential targets stand out: Delaware, New Hampshire, Wyoming, and Alaska.” [Reason, 1/1/03]

- **Free State Project Signers Pledge To “Exert The Fullest Practical Effort Toward The Creation Of A Society In Which The Maximum Role Of Government Is The Protection Of Individuals’ Rights To Life, Liberty, And Property.”** According to the Free State Project website via the Wayback Machine, “I hereby state my solemn intent to move to New Hampshire within 5 years of the Free State Project reaching 20,000 participants. Once there, I will exert the fullest practical effort toward the creation of a society in which the maximum role of government is the protection of individuals’ rights to life, liberty, and property.” [Free State Project, archived [9/7/15](#)]

**The Group Would “Vote On Where To Invade When 5,000 People Sign On.”** According to Newsweek, “A plan by the Free State Project calls for 20,000 ‘freedom-loving people’ to move to a small state and stage a bloodless coup in the next five years. In this utopia the state would slash taxes, reject most federal assistance, dump gun-control laws, legalize drugs, disband public schools and privatize almost all services. Founder Jason Sorens, 26, a Yale political-science doctoral candidate, says the group will vote on where to invade when 5,000 people sign on; so far about half that many have said they’d move. Their likely destination: New Hampshire or Wyoming, states with fewer than 1.5 million residents where 20,000 votes could sway an election. Wyoming’s got the greatest number of voters who picked conservative or libertarian candidates in recent presidential races. New Hampshire has the lowest percentage of government employees and teachers in unions, and coastal access ‘to make ourselves less dependent on the American market,’ freestateproject.org notes.” [Newsweek, 2/17/03]

- **New Hampshire Was Identified As A “Leading Candidate” Among 10 States With Populations Under 1.5 Million That Were Under Consideration.** According to the Associated Press, “New Hampshire is a leading candidate in a developing plan take over a state by the ballot box and wean it from federal control. The Free State Project hopes to enlist 20,000 ‘liberty-oriented individuals’ to move to a state and reform its laws, tax structure and political culture. The government’s only role should be to defend citizens from force and fraud, says project founder Jason Sorens, 25, a graduate student at Yale University. The project has identified 10 states, all with populations of less than 1.5 million, as candidates. In addition to New Hampshire, they are Vermont, Maine, Delaware, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, North and South Dakota and Wyoming. Four are considered most promising: New Hampshire, Wyoming, Delaware and Alaska. Two small states, Hawaii and Rhode Island, were cut because they have exhibited ‘big-government tendencies.’ [...] Elizabeth McKinstry of Hillsdale, Mich., the project’s vice president, also considers New Hampshire a good candidate. She personally dismissed Vermont, where she went to college. ‘Vermont is not a rallying point for the political ideas we espouse,’ she said.” [Associated Press, 10/14/02]

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## FREE STATERS IN THE LEGISLATURE

### Free State Candidates Attempted To Work Clandestinely And Stay Under The Radar

**Foster’s Daily Democrat: “Their Chosen Road To Concord And Legislative Chambers Has Been Through The Republican Party,” Allowing “Free Staters To Often Run For Office Without Have To Clearly State Their Sorens-ian Intentions Of Political Domination.”** According to an editorial by Foster’s Daily Democrat, “Free Staters are more libertarian than they are conservative or Republican. Yet, their chosen road to Concord and legislative chambers has been through the Republican Party, not the existing Libertarian movement. This allowed Free Staters to often run for office without have to clearly state their Sorens-ian intentions of political domination. It also wrongly has brought brand-named conservatives to their defense.” [Editorial - Foster’s Daily Democrat, 1/8/13]

**The Project Attempted “To Stay Under The Radar Screen And To Work Clandestinely”— “Among The Questions De Rigueur That Reporters Now Ask Is Whether A Candidate Is A Free Stater... And Not Always Does The Free Stater Want The Affiliation Known.”** According to an editorial by Foster’s Daily Democrat, “It goes without saying that the stated intent of the FSP is to be political and to influence legislation. In response to our earlier editorials, supporters have admitted using the more politically akin Republican Party to make inroads here in New Hampshire while the FSP builds its numbers. And among the questions de rigueur that reporters now ask is whether a candidate is a Free Stater ... and not always does the Free Stater want the affiliation known. This is just one example that strikes at the core of the problem with the Free State Project — it’s attempt to stay under the radar screen and to work clandestinely in some fashion. Whether individual voters are persuaded to the cause of liberty and justice for all as Free Staters represent the notion is not so much our concern. That they should do it openly and honestly is.” [Editorial - Foster’s Daily Democrat, 3/3/13]

### At Least A Dozen Free Staters Were Elected To State Legislature

#### **In 2006, Joel Winters, R-Manchester, Became The First Open Free State Member Elected To The Legislature.**

According to the Nashua Telegraph, “In 2006, Joel Winters, R-Manchester, became the first open Free State member elected to the Legislature. And over the following years, the group’s numbers increased to four, five and eventually up to 12 representatives in the House of Representatives. Together, they push laws promoting lower taxes and less government interference in fiscal and social issues, said Rep. Mark Warden, R-Manchester, who is serving his second term in the House.” [Nashua Telegraph, 2/24/13]

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**A Dozen Free Staters Were Elected As State Representatives In 2010.** According to The Freeman, “With a pro-liberty population and a political system where big money can't dominate, politically active libertarians win major-party offices. A dozen Free Staters were elected as state representatives in 2010, along with more than 50 other pro-liberty legislators. There are currently two pro-liberty state senators.” [The Freeman, December 2012]

### Legislative Successes Of Free Staters

#### ***The Union Leader Credited Bill O'Brien's Rise To Speaker And Large Budget Cuts To Free Staters And Their Allies***

**Free State Members Contributed To A Number Of Victories, Including The State Budget, Which Cut Spending By 10 Percent Under The Guidance Of House Speaker William O'Brien.** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “But Free State members contributed to a number of victories, as well, Warden said, including the state budget, which cut spending by 10 percent under the guidance of House Speaker William O'Brien and other conservative leaders.” [Nashua Telegraph, 2/24/13]

- **Union Leader: “It Is Unlikely That Bill O'Brien Would Have Become House Speaker Or Jack Kimball Republican Party Chairman Without The Effort Of Many Active Free Staters And Their Libertarian-Leaning Allies.”** According to an opinion by former Union Leader editorial page editor Drew Cline for the Union Leader, “In state politics [sic], Free Staters have made themselves a small but powerful force. It is unlikely that Bill O'Brien would have become House Speaker or Jack Kimball Republican Party chairman without the effort of many active Free Staters and their libertarian-leaning allies. Free Staters have won seats in the Legislature and on local boards and commissions.” [Drew Cline – Union Leader, [3/4/15](#)]
- **New Hampshire Tea Party Coalition Co-Founder: “They Helped Us Get Where We Are.”** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “‘They helped us get where we are,’ Jane Aitken, co-founder of the New Hampshire Tea Party Coalition, said of the Free State Project. ‘We couldn't get anybody to pay attention to us at the beginning, but they were out there calling for low taxes, a balanced budget. Now, everybody understands. You see it out in the mainstream.’” [Nashua Telegraph, 2/24/13]

#### ***Free State Legislators Successfully Repealed NH Knife Laws And State Approval Of Home School Curricula While Fighting School Vaccinations, Seat Belt Laws And Gun Restrictions***

**A Free Stater Successfully Sponsored Legislation Ending The Requirement For State Approval Of Home School Curricula.** According to the Union Leader, “One member successfully sponsored legislation passed last year ending the requirement for state approval of home school curricula, Swearingen said. And he noted last year's defeat of the proposed smoking ban in restaurants and the state's push for real ID or a national identification card. He also said a group member was elected to the Legislature, that other members hold a number of local positions and that more than \$1 million in spending has been trimmed at the local level through members' advocacy.” [Union Leader, 2/25/07]

**A Free Stater Legislator “Succeeded In Passing A Bill To Eliminate The New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority,” Which Was Vetoed By The Governor.** According to Mother Jones, “Dan and Carol McGuire relocated to New Hampshire from Washington state in 2005. ‘We decided if the Free State Project failed and we hadn't moved, we couldn't live with ourselves,’ Carol says. Political novices, they both won seats in the House of Representatives (Carol in 2008, Dan in 2010). They've taken different approaches to fighting tyranny. Carol's goal for the 2011 session was culling anachronistic laws that have remained on the books through bureaucratic neglect. She succeeded in axing an 1895 statute, the result of lobbying by Big Butter, that requires margarine to be served in triangular containers so that diners don't confuse it with the real thing. Dan had his sights on something of potentially much greater consequence. He and a few allies succeeded in passing a bill to eliminate the New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority, which is planning a high-speed line to Massachusetts. Their argument was simple: Government shouldn't be in the business of building railroads. The state's Democratic governor, John Lynch, vetoed the bill.” [Mother Jones, [October 2011](#)]

**Free State Legislators Were Pushing To “Nullify Health Care Reform, Slash Taxes, Deregulate Barbershops, And Ban Vaccinations In Public Schools.”** According to Mother Jones, “Free State legislators are currently pushing to

decriminalize marijuana, permit the video recording of law enforcement officers, legalize the use of deadly force in self-defense, nullify health care reform, slash taxes, deregulate barbershops, and ban vaccinations in public schools.” [Mother Jones, [October 2011](#)]

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**Free Staters Thwarted Gun Restrictions, Seat Belt Regulations And “Repealed All Of New Hampshire's Knife Laws.”** According to Reason, “Winters, who is a building contractor by trade, notes that other Free State legislative victories are less conspicuous, because they involve stopping bad laws before they start. ‘There's always proposals to expand licensing requirements, and we've helped stopped those,’ he says, ticking off thwarted gun restrictions and seat belt regulations as examples. Another victory for the Free Staters came in 2010, when state Rep. Jenn Coffey (R) managed to pass a bill that repealed all of New Hampshire's knife laws with astounding ease. Until Coffey's legislation passed, the state's knife restrictions were stricter in some cases than its gun laws. Stilettos, switch blades, daggers, and other collectible knives were poorly defined in the relevant statutes. Coffey's legislation passed unanimously through both chambers and was quickly signed into law. It was accompanied by another law barring municipalities from passing restrictions reversing Coffey's legislation.” [Reason, 6/1/13]

**Free State Project President Varrin Swearingen: A Free Stater Elected To A Planning Board In A Town Near Keene Swayed The Board To Vote Against A Zoning Ordinance Restricting New Big Box Stores.** According to the Boston Globe, “More fundamentally unnerving, some say, is the Free Staters’ efforts to secure government positions, with the goal of whittling down or eliminating them. The Free State Project's president, Varrin Swearingen, said in a telephone interview there are four state representatives with ties to the project and a ‘double-digit number’ on local boards and commissions. He declined to release their names, saying to do so would violate their privacy, though he said some have ‘outed’ themselves. The officials already are wielding influence, he said. For example, a Free Stater elected to a planning board in a town near Keene, which he would not identify, swayed the board to vote against a zoning ordinance restricting new big box stores, a measure the Free State member said unfairly restricted property rights.” [Boston Globe, 5/29/09]

### **Free Staters Were Said To Be “The Single Biggest Threat The State Is Facing Today”**

**Keene’s State Representative Cynthia Chase: “Free Staters Are The Single Biggest Threat The State Is Facing Today.”** According to a post by Matt Welch for Reason blog, “The interesting comments section [...] included this bit from cyndychase, later identified by the Free Keene kids as ‘District 8 State Representative Cynthia Chase of Keene.’ Excerpt: In the opinion of this Democrat, Free Staters are the single biggest threat the state is facing today. There is, legally, nothing we can do to prevent them from moving here to take over the state, which is their openly stated goal. In this country you can move anywhere you choose and they have that same right. What we can do is to make the environment here so unwelcoming that some will choose not to come, and some may actually leave. One way is to pass measures that will restrict the ‘freedoms’ that they think they will find here. Another is to shine the bright light of publicity on who they are and why they are coming.” [Matt Welch – Reason blog, [12/17/12](#)]

### **News Editorials Derided The Free Staters**

**Concord Monitor Editorial: “Nobody Likes Being Invaded.”** “‘Nobody likes being invaded,’ said an editorial in the Concord Monitor newspaper, which sided with angry Grafton residents who confronted FSP leaders at a raucous town meeting June 19. FSP leaders insist the Free Town Project is a separate group, but some of its leaders are FSP members, and until recently the FSP Web site featured Free Town Project information. More important, the incident showed how easily a movement can be split by rival interests, and gave the FSP a heavy dose of bad publicity. ‘What happened in Grafton was a disaster,’ admitted Florida attorney Tim Condon, an FSP member who helped choose Grafton for the Free Town Project and who compared the town meeting to ‘being beaten up for three hours.’” [Newsday, 7/21/04]



- **Grafton Voter Checklist Supervisor: Free Staters Were Trying To “Invade And Take Over.”** According to the Valley News, “Condon said that the movement’s objective in settling there had been to develop a ‘free town,’ whose government was based on libertarian principles, but in [Grafton voter checklist supervisor George] Curran’s view, the Free Staters were trying to ‘invade and take over, to put it bluntly,’ the official said. At a recent Town Meeting, a Free State advocate pushed for a resolution that Grafton secede from the United Nations, arguing that the U.N. could potentially obtain the authority to impose its own taxes or even invade the town, Curran said. ‘It’s all part of the game of wasting time,’ he said. But Condon countered that the activists truly believed in what they said, and that town officials, by their nature, seek power and control over others. ‘To (Grafton officials), it looks like orneriness and obfuscation, but it’s not,’ he said. ‘These people believe, and I’m one of them. I’m not as confrontational because I’m older.’” [Valley News, [9/2/14](#)]

**Editorial: “The Free State Movement Came To New Hampshire With The Stated Intent Of Taking Over Our Way Of Life — A Way Of Life The Vast Majority Of Us Believe Is Pretty Darn Good.”** According to an editorial by Foster’s Daily Democrat, “Granite Staters — left, right and center — value their independence. They instinctively resent the notion that anyone should or could turn New Hampshire into a one-party dynasty like Massachusetts. In refusing one party rule, New Hampshire has thrived on the political push and pull which has held sway for decades — near or at the top in education, public safety, health, and quality of life. Do we have problems? Sure. Has the Legislature gone overboard at times — both to the left and to right? Absolutely. But that is democracy. Unfortunately, the Free State Movement came to New Hampshire with the stated intent of taking over our way of life — a way of life the vast majority of us believe is pretty darn good.” [Editorial - Foster’s Daily Democrat, 1/8/13]

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### **Free State Activism In Keene**

#### ***Free Staters Continually Violated Court System Laws Meant To Protect Children And Domestic Violence Victims***

**Free Staters Planned To “Ramp Up Their Attacks On The Court System For Not Permitting Them To Film In The Lobby,” Which Court Officials Said Was Necessary To Prevent The Filming Of Children Or Domestic Violence Victims.** According to the Boston Globe, “When arrests have followed, Free Staters have sought to film the criminal proceedings from beginning to end, including scenes from courthouse lobbies, where filming is not allowed in some cases, such as in Keene District Court. The lobby filming has yielded more arrests (often, with Free Staters going limp as officers approach) and more footage that Free Staters post on websites such as FreeKeene.com, which has proved an effective recruiting tool. [...] The Free Staters said they have no plans to temper their acts of civil disobedience, and if anything, will ramp up their attacks on the court system for not permitting them to film in the lobby. (Court officials say the ban is necessary to prevent the filming of children or domestic violence victims who may be present in the lobby.)” [Boston Globe, 5/29/09]

#### ***Free Keene’s Protestors Advocated For Education Privatization By Sending Kids The Message That “School Sucks”***

**Free Keene Demonstrators Stood Outside Keene Middle School Holding Signs Touting Their “School Sucks Project.”** According to an editorial by the Keene Sentinel, “It’s not clear whether the ‘free’ in Free Keene is a verb or an adjective -- that is to say, whether those who march under the banner are proposing to free the city from some unnamed

scourge or simply to celebrate the liberty that's already here. Either way, the exercise is becoming tedious. The most recent incidents involved a dozen or so people standing outside Keene Middle School holding signs that read 'School sucks project.' One demonstrator told a Sentinel reporter: 'Private education based on performance instead of tests would give students the best chance to learn.' To which a 7th-grader replied: 'They haven't been here and don't know what they're talking about.' Good point. If they had been there, they probably would have produced better caliber signs." [Editorial - Keene Sentinel, 6/10/10]

### ***Free Staters Held "Topless Tuesdays" Demonstrations In Which Children Were Exposed To Nudity***

**Free State Project And Free Keene Adherents Held "Topless Tuesdays" Demonstrations In The Presence Of Young Children.** According to the Keene Sentinel, "Looking through a school bus window, the 12-year-old saw topless women standing in Central Square. 'My son came home and said, 'Mom, have you seen what's going on downtown?' said Erin Foster, a Keene resident. 'He said there were women downtown who have their tops off. I actually didn't believe him. I had to see for myself.' Foster rushed downtown in her car and, sure enough, there they were: women baring their breasts in public. 'I was irate,' Foster said. 'My son can't go into a store and buy a pornographic magazine, yet he can hop on his bike and go downtown.' This was the second installment of a demonstration dubbed 'Topless Tuesdays.' Many of the participants are affiliated with the Free State Project or an offshoot group called Free Keene. [...] 'My biggest issue is that they were doing it when middle school let out,' she said. 'I could respect what they're doing, but they need to respect my family.'" [Keene Sentinel, 5/12/10]

**The Demonstrations Led To Arrests After Complaints Of "Rowdy People Disrobing And Drinking In A Downtown Park" And Police Reports Of Several People Jumping On Police Cars.** According to the Associated Press, "Police in a New Hampshire community have filed charges against at least seven people after citizens complained about rowdy people disrobing and drinking in a downtown park. Keene Police Lt. Darryl Madden said several of those arrested Sunday evening were members of the so-called Free Keene movement, which has held informal gatherings at the park since last year. At least one woman in the group was topless. Madden says going topless is not prohibited in Keene, but the woman was charged with an open container violation and resisting arrest. Others also faced an open container violation, or charges such as obstructing government administration, disorderly conduct or resisting arrest. Police say those charged included several people who jumped on the hoods of the police cars." [Associated Press, 7/20/10]

### ***Free Staters Took To The Streets With Guns***

**Free State Tactics Took A "Menacing Hue" When Members "Gathered On The Streets Of Downtown Keene With Holstered Guns Visible On Their Waists."** According to the Boston Globe, "The actions have ranged from the odd, such as when Free Staters filed another person's fingernails without a manicurist's license on a public sidewalk or held an unlicensed puppet show, to the irksome, as when they tried to dig a garden in a downtown Keene park, to the instigative, such as the day they stood on a street corner with a marijuana bud held aloft. [...] But some say the tactics have taken on a menacing hue, such as when Free Staters have gathered on the streets of downtown Keene with holstered guns visible on their waists." [Boston Globe, 5/29/09]

- **Free Staters Were Cited "For Indecent Exposure And Firearms Possession (Simultaneously)."** According to Mother Jones, "In recent years, Keene residents have been cited for violating the city's open-container law (during a city council meeting), for indecent exposure and firearms possession (simultaneously), and for smoking marijuana (inside a police station). These incidents share a common root: They were orchestrated by members of the Free State Project- a plan, hatched in 2001, to get 20,000 libertarian activists to quit their jobs, sell their homes, and relocate to New Hampshire en masse. It is a political movement in the most literal sense." [Mother Jones, [October 2011](#)]

### ***Free Staters Fought Against Food Regulation Laws***

**Free Staters Planned To Sell Hot Dogs In Response To A Street Vendor's Struggle With The City To Sell His Food Late At Night.** According to the Associated Press, "Project members attempt to change the political landscape through peaceful protests, not just by voting or running for political office, Bernard said. Some have played penny poker in downtown Keene — gambling is illegal under state law — and plan to sell hot dogs in response to a street vendor's recent and ongoing struggle with the city to sell his food late at night." [Associated Press, [9/2/08](#)]

## ***Free Staters Were Charged With Disorderly Conduct For Playing Drinking Games During Court Proceedings***

**Free Keene Associated Turned A City Council Meeting Into A Drinking Game To Protest An Open-Alcohol-Container Ordinance.** According to the Associated Press, “A city councilor in Keene, N.H., says a group that turned a meeting into a drinking game didn't help its cause: easing Keene's open-alcohol-container ordinance. Two of the three people charged with disorderly conduct are associated with the libertarian Free Keene movement. Two of them were drinking from containers labeled ‘not a beer.’ Rules posted online required participants to take a swig at the mention of certain phrases, like ‘call to order.’ City Councilor Cynthia C. Georgina tells the Keene Sentinel that the behavior at Thursday's meeting was ‘very disrespectful and disruptive.’ Mayor Philip Dale Pregent says there was no way of knowing if the containers had beer, but he says the participants were causing a disruption and declined his request to stop.” [Associated Press, 8/8/10]

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## **The Free State Splinter Group In Grafton**

**Headline: “Grafton Townspeople Oppose Free Town Project.”** [Associated Press, 6/19/04]

**A Group Of Free Staters Decided They Would “Have A Bigger Impact If They Settled In A Single Town” And Aimed “To Attract 300 Like-Minded Libertarians To Grafton,” Creating A Voting Block, Which “Would Dismantle The Town Planning Board, Do Away With Mandatory Recycling And Shoo Away Any Busybodies.”** According to the Associated Press, “In an offshoot of the Free State Project, the town is being targeted by libertarians, including one who promises to overwhelm local elections and eliminate taxes and public education. The Free Town Project began last year as a faction of the better-known Free State Project, a group of 6,000 libertarians who vow to move to New Hampshire and create a utopia of low taxes and little government regulation. They chose New Hampshire last October because of its citizen legislature and ‘Live Free or Die’ tradition. Half a dozen Free Staters decided last winter that they would have a bigger impact if they settled in a single town. The search for a hospitable environment took them all over New Hampshire before the group settled on Grafton. ‘Our dream is to move libertarians and only libertarians to Grafton and get rid of the petty Hitlers who try to control things,’ said Larry Pendarvis of Florida, a 61-year-old Internet consultant who runs a mail-order bride service. He hopes to attract 300 like-minded libertarians to Grafton. With that voting block, he said he would dismantle the town planning board, do away with mandatory recycling and shoo away any busybodies. Such opinions, while viewed by most residents with a mix of skepticism and amusement, are testing the town's independent, live-and-let-live attitude. ‘In the ‘60s, it used to be, “The Russians are coming!”’ said Ken Cushing, owner of Wild Meadows Auto Body. ‘Now it's, “The libertarians are coming!”’” [Associated Press, 6/13/04]

- **Member Larry Pendarvis On His Plans To Relocate: Without Building, “There's No Way You Can Move In Enough People To Absolutely Control The Elections.”** According to the Boston Globe, “But now that a splinter group called the Free Town Project has announced plans to ‘liberate’ the town of Grafton, population 1,200, it's starting to get messy. ‘Freetowners’ targeted Grafton for its lack of zoning, says member Larry Pendarvis of Brandon, Fla., who runs the group's website and plans to relocate. ‘There's no way you can move in enough people to absolutely control the elections without building.’ Plus, he says, Grafton resident John Babiarz, who heads the state's Libertarian Party, told them they'd find fellow travelers in Grafton.” [Boston Globe, [6/20/04](#)]

## **2016: FREE STATE PROJECT ANTICIPATED REACHING THRESHOLD TO TRIGGER CALL FOR THOUSANDS TO BEGIN MOVING TO NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**2013: The Free State Project Had 1,130 Participants Already Living In New Hampshire, With More Than 13,700 Committed To Relocating.** According to New Hampshire Sunday News, “According to its website, the Free State Project has 1,130 participants already living in New Hampshire, with more than 13,700 committed to eventually relocating here. Its plan is to entice more than 20,000 pro-liberty activists to move to the Granite State, with participants pledging to ‘exert the fullest practical effort toward the creation of a society in which the maximum role of civil government is the protection of life, liberty and property,’ says the site. Based on the current recruiting rate, Gericke said, the pledge total would hit 20,000 in 2018, triggering the large-scale move to New Hampshire. Under that scenario, the goal would be to have all pledgers relocate by 2023.” [New Hampshire Sunday News, 2/24/13]

- **Keene Blogger And Project Member: “We’ve Only Had A Thousand People Here... It’s Really Difficult For Me To Really Grasp How Much More Of An Impact Thousands More Will Have.”** According to New Hampshire Sunday News, “As of this week, 13,796 have signed the commitment pledge, including the 1,100 already in the state. Once that number reaches 20,000, the rest will flood the state en masse, bringing their dreams of minimal government and individual freedoms, [project president Carla] Gericke said. ‘I can’t even fathom what that will be like,’ said [Ian] Freeman, the Keene blogger and project member. ‘We’ve only had a thousand people here. ... It’s really difficult for me to really grasp how much more of an impact thousands more will have.’” [New Hampshire Sunday News, 2/24/13]
- **The President Of The Free State Project Called For “The Thousands Of Supporters Nationwide Who Have Committed To Moving To New Hampshire To Begin Doing So” In Two Years.** According to New Hampshire Sunday News, “The president of the Free State Project announced this weekend she wants the thousands of supporters nationwide who have committed to moving to New Hampshire to begin doing so in two years. ‘This is a solution. We want to trigger the move. We know that what we are doing here is incredibly important,’ Carla Gericke, one of the leaders of the Free State Project, who moved from New York to New Hampshire in 2008, told participants at the New Hampshire Liberty Forum.” [New Hampshire Sunday News, 2/24/13]

**The Free State Project Anticipated Triggering The Move “In Less Than 12 Months” After Adding 200 Signers In Six Weeks Through A Campaign Of Targeted Facebook Ads And Other Social Media Efforts.** According to the Free State Project website, “Here in New Hampshire, excitement is in the air! Thanks to new targeted Facebook ads, a new landing page, and the dedication of a great team of social media volunteers, the Free State Project is growing at a staggering clip! Since September 14, 2015, another 1%, or 200 signers, have joined the most audacious liberty movement in the world. Assuming this growth rate remains steady--although we hope to accelerate it even more!--the FSP will Trigger the Move in less than 12 months.” [Free State Project, 10/26/15]



[Free State Project, archived [10/26/15](#)]



## HOW THE KOCH AGENDA HAS HURT NEW HAMPSHIRE

### The AFP Anti-Tax (And More) Pledge That Shrouded The Koch Agenda In A Distorted Revision Of A New Hampshire Tradition

**AFP-NH HONORARY CHAIR TOM THOMSON SEEKS TO HAVE EVERY COUNTY, STATE, CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SIGN HIS ANTI-TAX PLEDGE**



[Americans for Prosperity, [5/1/11](#)]

**AFP: AFP-NH Hon. Chairman Thomson's Father, Governor Mel Thomson, "Issued The First Modern Anti-Tax Pledge."** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website obtained via the Wayback Machine, "Governor Mel Thomson, the father of AFP-NH Honorary Chairman, Tom Thomson, issued the first modern anti-tax pledge to ensure elected officials kept their word to the people they represent and to provide the people with a means to enforce that accountability if needed. Each year, Tom Thomson proudly carries on this legendary tradition introduced by his father. Tom believes strongly in the conservative principles set forth in the pledge and invites all candidates for office in NH to demonstrate their support to those same principles by signing the pledge." [Americans for Prosperity via the Wayback Machine, [archived 8/10/14](#)]

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## AFP'S PLEDGE IS A PARTISAN EXERCISE

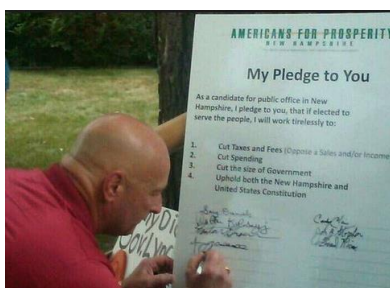
**Governing: “The Pledge Became A Central Part Of New Hampshire’s Political Lexicon” In The 1970s But “Today, It’s Expected That Top Republicans Will Take The Pledge And That They Will Use It As A Cudgel Against Democrats Whenever They Can.”** According to Governing, “The debate over broad-based taxes has played a central role in New Hampshire gubernatorial politics at least since 1972, when Meldrim Thomson ousted the incumbent governor in a Republican primary by pledging to oppose an income or sales tax. Thanks to the fierce advocacy of Thomson and William Loeb, the influential publisher of the Manchester Union-Leader, the pledge became a central part of New Hampshire’s political lexicon. So did the ‘New Hampshire Advantage’ -- the idea that the state benefits economically from its low-tax climate. Today, it’s expected that top Republicans will take the pledge and that they will use it as a cudgel against Democrats whenever they can. ‘Frankly, Republicans are used to it being their go-to issue,’ says Charlie Arlinghaus of the Josiah Bartlett Center, a think tank named for an 18th-century New Hampshire conservative. ‘Whatever charge you might make or difference you might have with your opponent, you can always accuse them of being in favor of an income tax.’” [Governing, [11/1/12](#)]

- **2010: Corey Lewandowski Said All Candidates Were Welcome To Sign The Pledge But Only Republicans Took Up Their Offer.** According to the Union Leader, “Corey Lewandowski, co-chairman of the conservative Americans for Prosperity, said all candidates were welcome to sign the pledge but only Republicans took up their offer.” [Union Leader, 6/17/10]
- **2012: 94% Of AFP Pledge Signers Were Republican And The Rest Were Libertarians.** According to an archived post from the Americans for Prosperity website, “Each year, Tom Thomson proudly carries on this legendary tradition introduced by his father. Tom believes strongly in the conservative principles set forth in the pledge and invites all candidates for office in NH to demonstrate their support to those same principles by signing the pledge. Candidates for office have signed the taxpayer protection and prosperity pledge and shown their commitment to freedom and economic liberty[.]” According to an American Bridge analysis of the 112 pledge signers named on AFP’s website as of June 26, 2012 using the NH Secretary of State 2012 General Election Results, six pledge signers were Libertarians and 106 pledge signers were Republican. [Americans for Prosperity, archived [8/10/14](#); 2012 General Election Results – NH Secretary of State, accessed [12/2/15](#)]

## THE PLEDGE SHIFTED FROM ITS ANTI-TAX ORIGINS TO ENCOMPASS AFP’S WIDER AGENDA ON UNIONS, HEALTH CARE, ENERGY AND IMMIGRATION

### The Pledge Contained “Only Four Promises” In 2010

**In 2010, The “Nonpartisan” Pledge Featured “Only Four Promises”: Cut Taxes/Fees, Cut Spending, Cut The Size Of Government And Uphold The New Hampshire And United States Constitutions.** According to an opinion by Tom Thomson in the Union Leader, “My revised New Hampshire anti-tax pledge is nonpartisan. It is a pledge, promise and contract by any and every candidate in New Hampshire who will be asking for your vote in the upcoming election. It is a very simple pledge to understand during the deepest recession I have seen in my lifetime. There are only four promises we are making to our hardworking taxpayers, which are as follows: My pledge to you, as a candidate for public office in New Hampshire, is that if elected to serve the people I will work tirelessly to: 1. Cut taxes and fees (oppose a sales and/or income tax); 2. Cut spending; 3. Cut the size of government; 4. Uphold both the New Hampshire and the United States constitutions.” [Tom Thomson - Union Leader, 7/6/10]




[Examiner.com, [7/11/13](#)]

## **By 2014, The Pledge Contained “Five Promises” Included Passing “Right To Work” And Opposing “Obamacare And Medicaid Expansion.”**

**2011: The Pledge Asked Presidential Candidates To Agree To Secure The Nation's Border And Become Energy Independent.** According to the Union Leader, “‘If they don't want to sell their land, they shouldn't have to,’ Paul said as he signed the Thomson family document, which has also been signed by six other Republican presidential candidates: former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, former Louisiana Gov. Buddy Roemer, Christopher Hill, and U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn. It pledges that they will cut taxes, spending and the size of government. The pledge also has the candidates agreeing to secure the nation's border, become energy independent and ‘faithfully and forcefully uphold, follow and protect the U.S. Constitution.’” [Union Leader, 10/13/11]

- **Lewandowski: “The Issues Included In This Pledge Are Vital To The Future Of Our Country.”** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website obtained via the Wayback Machine, “Specifically, the pledge requests that those who sign it commit to cutting taxes, fees and regulations; cutting spending and reducing the national debt; cutting the size of government at all levels; securing the nation’s borders; becoming energy independent within eight years; and faithfully and forcefully upholding, following and protecting the United States Constitution. ‘The issues included in this pledge are vital to the future of our country,’ said Lewandowski. ‘Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire is proud of Tom for putting together this pledge so that the voters of the Granite State and the United States know where the presidential candidates stand on these important issues,’ Lewandowski concluded.” [Americans for Prosperity, [6/27/11](#)]

**July 2014: The Pledge’s “Five Promises” Included Passing “A Right To Work Law” And Opposing “Obamacare And Medicaid Expansion.”** According to the Concord Monitor, “The pledge was mailed out last Wednesday and candidates can still turn it in. The pledge includes five promises: Cut taxes and oppose tax increases, cut spending and the size of government, pass a right to work law, oppose Obamacare and Medicaid expansion and to uphold the state and federal constitutions. A key purpose of the pledge is creating accountability, state director Greg Moore said.” [Concord Monitor, [7/30/14](#)]


**AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY**  
 NEW HAMPSHIRE

**My pledge to the NH Citizens**

As a candidate for public office in New Hampshire, I pledge to you that, if elected to serve the people, I will work tirelessly to:

1. Cut Taxes and Fees and Oppose any Tax Increase
2. Cut Spending and the Size of Government
3. Pass a Right to Work Law in New Hampshire
4. Oppose all forms of ObamaCare in New Hampshire, including Medicaid expansion
5. Uphold both the New Hampshire and United States Constitution

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 Signature

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 Print Name

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 Office Sought

Please return to: Honorary Chairman Tom Thomson c/o  
 Americans for Prosperity - New Hampshire,  
 P.O. Box 3876, Manchester, NH 03105

[Americans for Prosperity, archived [August 2014](#)]

**September 2014: Gubernatorial Candidate Walt Havenstein Released An Updated Tax Pledge—“Pledge 2.0”, Claiming A Need To “Put In Writing” A Promise To Oppose Policies That Create Unfunded Obligations.** According to the Union Leader, “Republican candidate for governor Walt Havenstein will release an updated tax pledge for New Hampshire this morning, one he says continues a long tradition of opposing sales or income taxes while promising not to

burden taxpayers with ‘unfunded obligations.’ ‘Pledge 2.0,’ as Havenstein calls it, will be unveiled today at a news conference scheduled for 10 a.m. outside the Legislative Office Building in Concord. Several Republican leaders from across the Granite State, including state Senate President Chuck Morse, R-Salem, and state Sen. Majority Leader Jeb Bradley, R-Wolfboro, are expected to be present as Havenstein signs the pledge. New Hampshire's current tax pledge commits candidates to oppose efforts aimed at creating a sales or income tax. Havenstein said the actions of his opponent, incumbent Gov. Maggie Hassan, demonstrate the need to also ‘put in writing’ a promise to oppose policies that create unfunded obligations in the years to come.” [Union Leader, 9/22/14]

- **Havenstein Explicitly Aimed To Shift The Focus Of The Pledge: “Whenever Anyone Refers To ‘The Pledge,’ They Always Focus On Taxes.”** According to the Union Leader, “‘Whenever anyone refers to ‘The Pledge,’ they always focus on taxes,’ said Havenstein. ‘What we should focus on is unfunded obligations. We can't keep kicking the bill for these down the road. This new pledge is a promise there won't be any more unfunded obligations.’” [Union Leader, 9/22/14]
- **Thomson: “Pledge 2.0 Embodies The Original Intent Which My Father Had To Protect Our New Hampshire Values.”** According to the New Hampshire Journal, “Former Gov. Steve Merrill and anti-tax activist Tom Thomson supported Havenstein in statements. Thomson said the pledge, originated by his father, the late Gov. Meldrim Thomson, Jr., ‘has become used as a shield by Democrats who take it and then spend money we don't have. The pledge was always as much about cutting spending as it was about cutting taxes, so Pledge 2.0 embodies the original intent which my father had to protect our New Hampshire values.’” [New Hampshire Journal, [9/22/14](#)]
- **Thomson Endorsed Havenstein's Campaign For Governor.** According to a post on Havenstein's campaign website obtained via the Wayback Machine, “Today, conservative tax fighter and New Hampshire businessman Tom Thomson, endorsed Walt Havenstein's campaign for Governor. Tom Thomson said: ‘I encourage republicans who want to elect a fiscal conservative in November to vote for Walt in the September 9th primary. Not only is Walt a principled fiscal conservative, but he is one of those exceptional candidates who has the business experience and know-how to put his principles into action. Walt will be able to make his commitment to reducing spending, cutting taxes and limiting the role of Government a reality.’” [WaltForNH.com, [archived 9/26/14](#)]

**WMUR Political Scoop's James Pindell: AFP's Evolving Pledge Signified A Period In American Politics Where Third Parties Like The Koch Brothers “Can Dictate What Campaigns Will Be Talking About And Campaigning About, Not Just Giving Donations.”** According to WMUR, “A conservative group is asking Republican candidates to sign a pledge on issues ranging from lower taxes to smaller government. The group Americans for Prosperity is asking candidates to sign a five-point promise that includes opposition to the Affordable Care Act. [...] Supporters of the pledge call it an evolved version of the no sales or income tax pledge, but analysts said it illustrates a new trend. ‘We're in a period now in American politics where the third parties like the Koch brothers or some on the left can dictate what campaigns will be talking about and campaigning about, not just giving donations,’ said James Pindell of WMUR Political Scoop.” [WMUR, [7/30/14](#)]

### **More Than 200 Candidates For State Office Signed The AFP Pledge**

**2014: More Than 200 Candidates For State Office Signed Onto The AFP Pledge.** According to the Concord Monitor, “More than 200 candidates for state office have signed onto an Americans for Prosperity pledge saying they'll cut taxes, fight to pass a right to work law and oppose Medicaid expansion. [...] But AFP-NH honorary chairman Tom Thomson said the pledge grew out of the no sales or income tax pledge created years ago his grandfather, former Governor Meldrim Thomson. ‘This pledge originated from Gov. Thomson, and I chose to carry that forward,’ he said.” [Concord Monitor, [7/30/14](#)]

- **AFP Held An Event To “Highlight Candidates Who Have Signed The Pledge.”** According to the Concord Monitor, “The state chapter, Americans for Prosperity Foundation - New Hampshire, held an event today to highlight candidates who have signed the pledge, including Republican gubernatorial candidate Andrew Hemingway. His primary opponent Walt Havenstein also plans to sign the pledge, his campaign said, but could not attend today's event due to a fundraiser in Virginia.” [Concord Monitor, [7/30/14](#)]

**NH Gubernatorial Hopefuls Hemingway, Havenstein And Smolin Signed The Pledge.** According to the Telegraph, “Gubernatorial hopeful Andrew Hemingway of Bristol criticized primary rival Walt Havenstein of Alton for not showing up at



a ceremonial signing at the Legislative Office Building. Havenstein was in Washington, D.C. for a fundraiser with two-time, New Hampshire presidential primary winner John McCain. Both Hemingway and Havenstein signed the pledge as did GOP gubernatorial hopeful Jonathan Smolin of Alton.” [The Telegraph, 7/30/14]

- **Thomson Endorsed Havenstein’s Campaign For Governor.** According to a post on Havenstein’s campaign website obtained via the Wayback Machine, “Today, conservative tax fighter and New Hampshire businessman Tom Thomson, endorsed Walt Havenstein’s campaign for Governor. Tom Thomson said: ‘I encourage republicans who want to elect a fiscal conservative in November to vote for Walt in the September 9th primary. Not only is Walt a principled fiscal conservative, but he is one of those exceptional candidates who has the business experience and know-how to put his principles into action. Walt will be able to make his commitment to reducing spending, cutting taxes and limiting the role of Government a reality.’” [WaltForNH.com, [archived 9/26/14](#)]

**67 Of 91 Towns Supported Resolutions To Reject The Pledge.** According to the Associated Press, “The pledge, and the path to office for decades of New Hampshire governors, is simple: Oppose a broad-based sales or income tax. A resolution approved at most of the Town Meetings where it has been considered this spring also is simple: Let’s talk about ways to raise money besides property taxes. [...] A group called the Granite State Fair Tax Coalition circulated petitions to get its anti-pledge question before voters in 86 of the state’s 223 towns this year. So far, 53 have supported its call for legislators and governors to reject the pledge and 23 have defeated it. Including similar votes last year, the tally is 67 for, 24 against.” [Associated Press, 4/6/08]

### **The 2016 Presidential Pledge Requires A Vow To Secure The Borders “By Whatever Means Are Necessary”**

**2016 Thomson Presidential Pledge: “Those Who Sign It Will Promise To [...] Secure The Borders ‘By Whatever Means Are Necessary.’”** According to WMUR, “Tom Thomson, the longtime anti-tax champion and son of the late Gov. Meldrim Thomson, Jr., is rolling out his ‘Presidential Pledge’ for the second consecutive cycle. Those who sign it will promise to ‘work tirelessly to cut taxes, fees, regulations, spending, the national debt; to secure the borders ‘by whatever means are necessary’; to become energy independent; to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act; and to ‘follow and protect the United States Constitution. Who will be the first to sign?’” [WMUR, [4/23/15](#)]

- **The 2011 Pledge Asked Candidates To Agree To Secure The Nation’s “Border.”** According to the Union Leader, “‘If they don’t want to sell their land, they shouldn’t have to,’ Paul said as he signed the Thomson family document, which has also been signed by six other Republican presidential candidates: former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, former Louisiana Gov. Buddy Roemer, Christopher Hill, and U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn. It pledges that they will cut taxes, spending and the size of government. The pledge also has the candidates agreeing to secure the nation’s border, become energy independent and ‘faithfully and forcefully uphold, follow and protect the U.S. Constitution.’” [Union Leader, 10/13/11]

## **SIGNING AFP’S PLEDGE BECAME ROUTINE FOR THOSE SEEKING THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT**

**2016 Election: Thomson Told Presidential Candidates Voters In New Hampshire Expect Those Running For Office To “Be Willing To Sign The Pledge Before Asking For Our Support And Our Vote.”** According to an opinion by Tom Thomson in the Concord Monitor, “I would like to welcome all 2016 presidential candidates of both parties and those who are still considering running for president of the United States. [...] New Hampshire also has a long history of what we refer to as ‘The Pledge.’ Nearly 50 years ago, my father, the late New Hampshire governor Meldrim Thomson (1973-1979), decided to run for office (1968) and he pledged to the voters that he would ‘Ax the Tax,’ which simply meant that he promised the people that, if elected to serve, he would veto a sales or income tax. New Hampshire still does not have either tax. From that first pledge, the voters made clear in New Hampshire that we expect those running for office to say what they stand for and be willing to sign The Pledge before asking for our support and our vote.” [Tom Thomson - Concord Monitor, [4/30/15](#)]

- **Thomson On His 2016 Presidential Pledge: “I Plan To Reach Out To Each Candidate And Ask Them To Sign It.”** According to an opinion by Tom Thomson in the Concord Monitor, “In 2010, I decided it was time that we should have a Presidential Pledge, which was ready in 2011 for the primary. Candidates from both parties were asked to sign and on Aug. 12, 2011, Mitt Romney was the first of eight to sign it. The 2016 Presidential Pledge will be ready to sign within the week, and I plan to reach out to each candidate and ask them to sign it.” [Tom Thomson - Concord Monitor, [4/30/15](#)]

**Nearly Every 2012 Presidential Candidate Signed AFP’s Pledge, Including Eventual Winner Mitt Romney, Who Campaigned On Thompson’s Endorsement After Being The First To Sign**

**2007: Governor Mitt Romney Announced Thomson Endorsed His Candidacy For President.** According to a Romney for President press release via State News Service, “The following information was released by former Governor Mitt Romney: Today, Governor Mitt Romney announced that Tom Thomson has endorsed his candidacy for President of the United States. Mr. Thomson is a widely respected small business owner, anti-tax advocate, and son of the late New Hampshire Governor Mel Thomson Jr., who’s ‘Ax the Tax’ platform inspired future state and national candidates to take a pledge against raising taxes. [...] With his endorsement today, Tom Thomson issued the following statement: ‘After much thought and consideration I have decided to endorse the Republican candidate I believe is best for the country and is best positioned to win in 2008. He was the first presidential candidate to sign Americans for Tax Reform’s anti-tax pledge, and he has made tax relief a top priority. He also believes that our hard-working Americans should not be taxed to death, and that we should, once and for all, do away with the death tax.[.]’” [Romney for President, 10/4/07]

- **Romney For President Launched A Radio Ad Promoting Him As “The Only Major Candidate For President To Sign The Tax Pledge.”** According to a Romney for President press release via State News Service, “Today, Romney for President launched its newest radio ad, ‘Tax Pledge.’ The ad highlights Governor Romney’s pledge to oppose any attempt to raise taxes on the American people. Governor Romney is the only major candidate for President to have signed the ‘Taxpayer Protection Pledge.’” [Romney for President, 10/5/07]

**2011: Mitt Romney Was The First Presidential Candidate To Sign Thomson’s Pledge.** According to the Associated Press, “Mitt Romney will become the first presidential contender to sign a version of New Hampshire’s political pledge not to impose an income or sales tax. Along with promising to cut taxes and fees, this pledge vows to secure the nation’s borders, using whatever means necessary. Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, will sign the document at a house party on Friday. It’s Romney’s first New Hampshire appearance since the Iowa debate. On hand will be Tom Thomson, chairman of the state Americans for Prosperity chapter and grandson of the governor who authored the original pledge. Romney has already signed several pledges. He promised to fight same-sex marriage, cut taxes, and add a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution.” [Associated Press, 8/12/11]

- **2011: Thomson Endorsed Romney’s 2012 Presidential Campaign.** According to a Romney for President press release via Targeted News Service, “The presidential campaign of former Gov. Mitt Romney, R-Mass., issued the following news release: Mitt Romney today announced the support of prominent New Hampshire conservative anti-tax leader Tom Thomson. Thomson, the son of the late New Hampshire Governor Meldrim Thomson and the honorary Chairman of Americans for Prosperity NH, will endorse Governor Romney today at his campaign stop at the Madison Lumber Mill.” [Romney for President, 12/12/11]

**2011: Presidential Candidate Rick Perry Announced He “Signed The Americans For Prosperity-New Hampshire Thomson Presidential Pledge.”** According to a press release from Rick Perry’s presidential campaign via Targeted News Service, “The presidential campaign of Gov. Rick Perry, R-Texas, issued the following news release: Texas Gov. Rick Perry today signed the Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire Thomson Presidential Pledge at a town hall meeting hosted by the Derry Republican Committee, promising his ongoing commitment to advancing the cause of fiscal conservatism. ‘Now more than ever, our nation needs a leader who will make the tough decisions to cut spending and reduce government interference in our lives and businesses, which are key to getting America working again,’ said Gov. Perry. ‘I am proud to sign the Thomson Presidential Pledge which provides the kind of conservative reform we need in this country, and I want to thank the author of that pledge, Tom Thomson, for his work on behalf of conservative principles.’” [Rick Perry’s presidential campaign, 9/30/11]

**2011: Michele Bachmann And Ron Paul Signed The Thomson Pledge.** According to Valley News, “While several candidates are heading south to Concord to address the New Hampshire House today, U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, is headed into the North Country. He'll stop at the Thomson Tree Farm in Orford this afternoon to sign a pledge to cut taxes put out by GOP activist Tom Thomson. U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann became the latest to sign Thomson's pledge on Sunday.” [Valley News, 10/12/11]

**2011: Newt Gingrich Was The Eighth Candidate To Sign Thomson's Pledge.** According to the Associated Press, “Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich had a busy afternoon with his pen first signing up to get on New Hampshire's presidential primary ballot and then signing a pledge to cut taxes, spending and the size of government. Gingrich filed his candidacy papers Tuesday at the secretary of state's office, then became the eighth candidate to sign a pledge being promoted by Tom Thomson, son of former New Hampshire Gov. Mel Thomson.” [Associated Press, 10/25/11]

### **John Huntsman Was Only Republican Candidate To Criticize The Pledge In 2012 Primary Cycle**

**2011: Jon Huntsman Refused To Sign Thomson's Pledge, Saying “I Don't Think That's Properly Serving The Public When You Sell Out To Special Interest Groups.”** According to the Valley News, “Republican presidential candidate Jon Huntsman Jr. yesterday said he doesn't sign pledges -- including vows not to raise taxes, a staple in New Hampshire GOP circles -- because he doesn't want to limit his ability to respond to problems if he reaches the White House. ‘I think it ties the hands of the elected official, ultimately,’ Huntsman said in a meeting with Valley News editors and reporters. ‘I don't think that's properly serving the public when you sell out to special interest groups.’ The former Utah governor said he refused to sign an anti-tax pledge by the Club for Growth, an influential national group opposed to raising taxes, when he first ran for governor in 2004, and he has also declined to sign a no-new-taxes pledge offered by Orford tree farmer Tom Thomson which most of the other Republican candidates, except for Herman Cain and Gary Johnson, have signed. ‘I know that might offend some folks that we're not willing to sign a pledge, but it discounts your ability to represent all the people. ... I just don't want to get tied up in a knot before you are actually in office, where you are going to need all the levers of power in order to make this country successful longer term,’ Huntsman said.” [Valley News, 11/18/11]

### ***Before Signing AFP's Pledge And Becoming The Republican Nominee, Mitt Romney Said Signing A Pledge Would Limit His Effectiveness As A Governor***

**Before Boasting That He Was The Only Major Candidate To Sign A No-Tax Pledge, Mitt Romney Refused To Sign Such A Pledge.** According to the Boston Globe, “When Romney ran for governor in 2002, he refused to sign a no-tax pledge. Now, as a presidential candidate, he boasts that he is the only major candidate to sign such a pledge.” [Boston Globe, [10/11/07](#)]

- **Romney Said Signing A Pledge Would “Prevent [Him] From Being Able To Look Specifically At The Revenue Needs Of The Commonwealth,” And His Spokesman Dismissed Them As “Government By Gimmickry.”** According to PolitiFact, “Back in 2002, Romney said, ‘I'm against tax increases. But I'm not intending to, at this stage, sign a document which would prevent me from being able to look specifically at the revenue needs of the Commonwealth.’ At that time, his spokesman called the no-tax pledge ‘government by gimmickry.’” [Boston Globe, [10/11/07](#)]

**The Cato Institute Dismissed “The Image Romney Cultivates As ‘A Governor Who Stood By A No-New-Taxes Pledge’ As “Mostly A Myth.”** According to the Boston Globe, “When Romney ran for governor in 2002, he refused to sign a no-tax pledge. Now, as a presidential candidate, he boasts that he is the only major candidate to sign such a pledge. He also touts his record of ‘strong fiscal leadership’ as governor. However, in a recent ‘Fiscal Policy Report Card’ on governors, The Cato Institute, a libertarian think-tank, gave him a ‘C.’ Romney, the Institute pointed out, ‘proposed modest increases to the budget and line-item vetoed millions of dollars each year only to have most of those vetoes overridden.’ As far as the image Romney cultivates as ‘a governor who stood by a no-new-taxes pledge,’ the Institute called it ‘mostly a myth.’” [Boston Globe, [10/11/07](#)]

- **The Cato Institute Was Founded By Ed Crane And Charles G. Koch.** According to the Cato Institute 25th Annual Report, “When a young California investment manager, Ed Crane, spent 1976 in Washington, he noticed how much influence a few think tanks had despite their relatively small budgets. He thought there ought to be a public

policy research organization, or ‘think tank,’ dedicated to the American principles of liberty and limited government. He was willing to start one, but only if he didn’t have to live in Washington. When he returned to San Francisco, he joined the Kansas industrialist Charles G. Koch to set up the Cato Institute, which opened its doors in January 1977.” [Cato Institute 25th Annual Report, [2001](#)]



**PolitiFact Rated Romney’s Change In Positions As “A Full Flop.”** According to PolitiFact, “In 2002, Romney refused to make ‘a pledge in writing’ on taxes. Four years later, he signed one and touted it as a selling point for his candidacy. In our book, that’s a Full Flop.” [PolitiFact, [5/17/12](#)]

## The Koch-Backed Campaign Against Granite Stater’s Access To Health Care

### AFP RAN A DISHONEST ANTI-ACA CAMPAIGN

#### AFP’s False, Bogus Ad Against Jeanne Shaheen In 2014

**AFP Claimed Health Care Premiums Were “Up 90 Percent In New Hampshire” In An Ad Targeting Sen. Jeanne Shaheen.** According to PolitiFact, “A new ad by the free-market group Americans For Prosperity takes a swipe at Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., for her support of President Barack Obama’s health care law. The ad, released in April, proclaims, ‘Health care premiums up 90 percent in New Hampshire.’” [PolitiFact, [5/1/14](#)]

**FactCheck.org: The “Bogus” Rate Increase Claim Was “Based On The Response Of One Insurance Broker In New Hampshire.”** According to FactCheck.org, “The 90 percent figure is included in a survey of 148 insurance brokers by Morgan Stanley, to help guide investor decisions about stock purchases. Their responses ‘point to significant acceleration in small group and individual [market] rate increases,’ the report states. And, its author’s concluded, ‘We expect the increases are largely due to changes under the ACA.’ Near the end (on page six), the report provides a chart of ‘State Specific Commercial Rate Increases.’ The chart shows a 90 percent rate increase in the individual market in New Hampshire, and a 15 percent increase in the small group market. But there’s one other telling piece of data in the chart indicating the number of respondents: 1. That’s right, the rate increase is based on the response of one insurance broker in New Hampshire. The broker reported a 90 percent increase in 2014 — 10 percent over last year’s increase. [...] The conservative group Americans for Prosperity released a TV ad that includes the bogus claim that health insurance premiums are up 90 percent in New Hampshire.” [Factcheck.org, [4/10/14](#)]

- **American Association For Public Opinion Research Executive Council President Robert Santos: “It’s No Better Than ‘Calling One Person Up On The Phone And Asking Their Opinion.’”** According to FactCheck.org, “Robert Santos, chief methodologist at the Urban Institute and president of the executive council at the American Association for Public Opinion Research, dismissed the Morgan Stanley survey as ‘typical financial marketing material where they pull together some data and create insights.’ [...] And in the case of New Hampshire, Santos said, where there was just one respondent, unless that person was the exclusive broker for the entire state, it’s no better than ‘calling one person up on the phone and asking their opinion.’” [Factcheck.org, [4/10/14](#)]
- **New Hampshire Department Of Insurance Director Of Communications: Independent Analysis Found New Hampshire Policyholders Would Realize An 8 Percent Rate Decrease After Subsidies.** According to FactCheck.org, “Moreover, the 90 percent figure is wildly different than what the New Hampshire Department of Insurance is seeing. ‘Premium rates in New Hampshire, in the aggregate, did not go up 90 percent,’ Danielle Kronk Barrick, director of communications for the New Hampshire Department of Insurance, told us via email. ‘An independent actuarial analysis modeling the Affordable Care Act impact on New Hampshire policyholders found that,



on average, New Hampshire policyholders will realize an 8 percent rate decrease after subsidies.” [Factcheck.org, [4/10/14](#)]

**PolitiFact: “This Statement Is Not Accurate. We Rate It False.”** According to PolitiFact, “Americans for Prosperity said that health care premiums are ‘up 90 percent in New Hampshire.’ [...] This statement is not accurate. We rate it False.” [PolitiFact, [5/1/14](#)]

### **AFP Ad Used “Personal Stories” Of Republican Activists And Donors**

**AFP Launched A Six-Figure Ad Campaign In New Hampshire Centered Around Two Women Who Were “Shocked” After They Lost “Their Health Care Plans Due To Obamacare.”** According to the Huffington Post, “Americans for Prosperity launched a six-figure ad campaign in New Hampshire Monday starring two women who lost their health care plans due to Obamacare. [...] The Koch-brothers backed group claimed the ads, which target two Democratic members of Congress up for reelection in November, told the ‘personal stories’ of Donna Marzullo of Deering and Helen DePrima of Bedford, N.H. Both women say they were ‘shocked’ to learn that their existing insurance plans would be terminated because they failed to meet the health care law’s coverage requirements.” [Huffington Post, [2/24/14](#)]

- **Both Women Were Local Republican Activists And Donors, One Married To The Vice Chairman Of The NH GOP.** According to the Huffington Post, “But the conservative political advocacy group left out one minor detail: Both women are local Republican activists and donors. [...] Marzullo is married to the vice chairman of the New Hampshire GOP, J.P. Marzullo, and is herself the vice chair of the Contoocook Valley Republican Committee. She was also a member of former Rep. Charlie Bass’ (R-N.H.) Women’s Coalition. DePrima has participated in events for Republican activists in New Hampshire as well, and she even called for Obamacare’s repeal shortly after the Supreme Court upheld it in June 2012. ‘By exposing it as a tax, [Supreme Court Chief Justice John] Roberts made it easier to limit or repeal. Brilliant,’ DePrima wrote on Facebook at the time. In August 2013, she attended a fundraiser for Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), who is perhaps the most vocal critic of the health care law in Washington. DePrima was an active participant in the 2012 election season, serving as a member of a campaign committee for Ovide Lamontagne, a Republican who ran for governor of New Hampshire, and attending an event for Republican activists with 2012 presidential hopeful Tim Pawlenty.” [Huffington Post, [2/24/14](#)]

### **After New Hampshire House Speaker Bill O’Brien Compared The Affordable Care Act To The Fugitive Slave Act, AFP-NH Named Him Conservative Of The Year**

**Former New Hampshire House Speaker William O’Brien Told AFP-NH Rally Attendees That Obamacare Is “As Destructive To Personal And Individual Liberty As The Fugitive Slave Act Of 1850.”** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “During a State House rally Thursday, former House Speaker and potential Republican candidate for Congress William O’Brien, of Mont Vernon, likened the Affordable Care Act to federal laws that legalized slavery and instituted the federal income tax. ‘What is Obamacare? It is a law as destructive to personal and individual liberty as the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 that allowed slave owners to come to New Hampshire and seize African-Americans and use the federal courts to take them back to slave states,’ O’Brien told the crowd of 100 residents at the Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire forum. O’Brien said the Affordable Care Act will invade personal privacy into the health care of Americans such as filing income tax requires Americans to declare their finances.” [Nashua Telegraph, 8/2/13]

- **AFP-NH Made O’Brien The Group’s 2014 Conservative Of The Year.** According to the Concord Monitor, “Former New Hampshire House speaker Bill O’Brien, a Mont Vernon Republican, was recognized as AFP-New Hampshire’s Conservative of the Year.” [Concord Monitor, [4/13/14](#)]

### **Other Koch Groups Ran Similarly Misleading Ads Against Health Care Reform**

**60 Plus Launched Robocalls Against Rep. Paul Hodes As Part Of A \$1.5 Million Campaign Targeting 15 House Democrats For Pro-Health Care Reform Votes.** According to Politico, “The 60 Plus Association, a conservative seniors’ group, has pledged to spend \$1.5 million targeting 15 House Democrats who voted for health care reform. ‘This bill adds hundreds of entitlements and only cuts one — Medicare. By voting ‘yes,’ these members betrayed seniors and the best interests of their district,’ said Jim Martin, the group’s president. ‘I hope the senators in these states take note of the senior

anger while they are deciding how to vote on this important legislation.’ The group is launching robocalls against the 15 lawmakers and will run TV ads in eight of those districts. [...] Paul Hodes of New Hampshire.” [Politico, [5/11/09](#)]

**New Hampshire Was Included In A \$6 Million CWA Ad Campaign Claiming The Affordable Care Act “Could Lead To Denial Of Care And Limit Choice Of Doctors.”** According to a White House bulletin, “Concerned Women for America announced Wednesday a \$6 million ad campaign that will target President Obama's Affordable Care Act in a number of battleground presidential states including New Hampshire, Virginia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and New Mexico. In the 60-second spot, a family practice doctor warns viewers that the law could lead to denial of care and limit choice of doctors.” [White House Bulletin, 6/20/12]

**Generation Opportunity Launched ‘Creepy Uncle Sam’ Web Ads In New Hampshire Targeting Sen. Shaheen On “Obamacare.”** According to the NH Journal, “GEN OPP WEB ADS. The Koch brothers-funded youth group, Generation Opportunity, has launched web ads in New Hampshire (and four other states) with it’s [sic] ‘Creepy Uncle Sam’ wasting ‘stacks and stacks of our generation’s money.’ The New Hampshire ad urges voters to tell Shaheen to stop supporting ‘Obamacare.’” [NH Journal, [10/11/14](#)]

- **AFP-NH Director Greg Moore Joined In The Campaign Against Youth ACA Enrollment: “Let’s Get Real. You Are Young, Think You’re Going To Live Forever [...] Why Wouldn’t All Of Them Wait Until They Get Sick?”** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “Greg Moore is state director of Americans for Prosperity, a fiscally-conservative group that supports repealing the Affordable Care Act. Moore insists nearly all young, healthy workers will pay a penalty of less than \$100 rather than buy coverage that will likely to cost them 10 times as much or more depending on their income. ‘Let’s get real. You are young, think you’re going to live forever and you’ll turn around and pay \$2,000 or \$3,000 in premiums for health insurance instead of a \$100 penalty to the federal government,’ Moore said. ‘Why wouldn’t all of them wait until they get sick because under Obamacare they can try to sign up the next day for coverage in the exchange?’” [Nashua Telegraph, [3/13/13](#)]
- **Moore Insisted Nearly All Young, Healthy Workers Would Pay A Penalty Of Less Than \$100 Rather Than Buy Coverage.** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “Greg Moore is state director of Americans for Prosperity, a fiscally- conservative group that supports repealing the Affordable Care Act. Moore insists nearly all young, healthy workers will pay a penalty of less than \$100 rather than buy coverage that will likely to cost them 10 times as much or more depending on their income.” [Nashua Telegraph, [3/13/13](#)]

### **REALITY: Under The ACA, “The Suddenly Crowded New Hampshire Marketplace” Offered More Choice And Covered More People For Less Money**

**Headline: “Group: 93% Of N.H. Has Health Care Coverage.”** [Valley News, [10/12/15](#)]

**New Hampshire’s Uninsured Population Was Down From 155,000 When ACA Insurance Marketplaces Launched To 93,106, Only 7% Of The Population.** According to the Valley News, “An estimated 7 percent of New Hampshire’s population remains uninsured as a new sign-up season nears, according to the consumer outreach organization Covering New Hampshire. The third enrollment period under President Obama’s health care overhaul law opens Nov. 1 for coverage taking effect in January. Based on federal and state enrollment information and survey data, Covering New Hampshire estimates that 93,106 residents still lack health insurance. That’s down from the roughly 155,000 who were uninsured in October 2013, when the insurance marketplaces created by the law launched.” [Valley News, [10/12/15](#)]

**New Hampshire Residents Had Only One Option On The Exchange In 2014 But 2015 Would See Five Carriers Offer Health Insurance Through The Exchange.** According to the Union Leader, “New Hampshire residents shopping for health insurance at the Obamacare exchange on healthcare.gov will have at least five companies to choose from for coverage in 2015, compared to only one company this year. Anthem was the sole company to offer health insurance packages on the exchange when it opened in October for coverage starting in January 2014. Since then, Minuteman Health and Harvard-Pilgrim Health Care, both based in Massachusetts, have indicated that they will be offering products for coverage starting in January 2015.” [Union Leader, [6/2/14](#)]

- **The New Hampshire Marketplace Was “Suddenly Crowded,” Providing “Consumers With More Choices And, Potentially, Lower Prices.”** According to Business Insider, “New Hampshire's health insurance exchange will have a drastically different look during the Affordable Care Act's next open-enrollment session. And the new developments look to provide consumers with more choices and, potentially, lower prices. The New Hampshire Insurance Department said Monday that five insurers plan to sell policies in the suddenly crowded New Hampshire marketplace.” [Business Insider, [6/4/14](#)]
- **The Number Of Health Plans Available To New Hampshire Consumers Nearly Quadrupled, Up From 10 In 2014 To 38 In 2015.** According to the Department of Health and Human Services, “New Hampshire consumers could choose from an average of 38 health plans in their county for 2015 coverage – up from 10 in 2014.” [Department of Health and Human Services, last reviewed on [September 25, 2015](#)]

**43% Of New Hampshire Marketplace Enrollees Got Coverage For \$100 Or Less, 82% Had The Option To Do So And 70% Qualified For An Average Tax Credit Of \$244 Per Month.** According to the Department of Health and Human Services, “70 percent of New Hampshire consumers who were signed up qualified for an average tax credit of \$244 per month through the Marketplace. 43 percent of New Hampshire Marketplace enrollees obtained coverage for \$100 or less after any applicable tax credits in 2015, and 82 percent had the option of doing so.” [Department of Health and Human Services, last reviewed on [September 25, 2015](#)]

**The Average Premium Payment For NH's Most Popular ACA Plan Was \$87 After Tax Credits.** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “New Hampshire residents who buy the Silver plan, the most popular plan on the federal health-insurance marketplace, paid on average \$87 per month, after tax credits, according to a new report from the federal government. The report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said that 62 percent of New Hampshire enrollees who selected any type of plan from the federally operated marketplace with tax credits had premiums of \$100 a month or less, and 38 percent of \$50 a month or less after tax credits.” [Nashua Telegraph, [6/18/14](#)]

**The Requirement That Insurance Companies Publicly Justify Raising Rates By 10 Percent Or More Reduced Such Requests From 75% To 14% Nationally And NH Received \$7,585,186 To Fight Unreasonable Premium Increases.** According to the Department of Health and Human Services, “In every State and for the first time under Federal law, insurance companies are required to publicly justify their actions if they want to raise rates by 10 percent or more. New Hampshire has received \$7,585,186 under the new law to help fight unreasonable premium increases. Since implementing the law, the fraction of requests for insurance premium increases of 10 percent or more has dropped dramatically, from 75 percent to 14 percent nationally. To date, the rate review program has helped save Americans an estimated \$1 billion.” [Department of Health and Human Services, last reviewed on [September 25, 2015](#)]

### **AFP Continued To Spread Lies About The ACA Even After They Were Debunked**

***AFP-NH Leadership Used Falsehoods About Health Care Rationing To Promote Fears Of ACA “Death Panels,” Which Was Discredited As The “Lie Of The Year”***

**At An AFP Anti-ACA Rally, NH Director Greg Moore Said Provisions Of The Law Essentially Amounted To Health Care Rationing, Which Drew Cheers And Shouts Of ‘What About The Death Panels?’ From Several Attendees.**

According to the Union Leader, “The anti-ACA rally on the State House lawn sponsored by Americans for Prosperity -- New Hampshire drew about 175 people, including many lawmakers. [...] AFP -- NH director Greg Moore called the act a series of broken promises, from lower costs to no new taxes on the middle class. ‘We need to slow down the implementation of this law and get it right because people's lives are at stake,’ he said. He quoted former Vermont governor and Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean, who said provisions of the law essentially amount to health care rationing, which drew cheers and shouts of ‘What about the death panels?’ from several attendees.” [Union Leader, 8/2/13]

- **AFP Promoted Death Panel Anxieties, Circulating An Article Backing Up The Notion That “These Fears Are Not Unfounded.”** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “The following article gives us a good taste of what is already happening under ObamaCare and can be found in its entirety by clicking here. [...] The move caused widespread panic among those patients who depend on the treatments to live, as well as anyone else who had heard all about health care rationing and death panels under Obamacare. (Let’s not forget, Obama named

Death Panel Donald Berwick to head CMS and Berwick is on record supporting the idea of health care rationing, so these fears are not unfounded.)” [Americans for Prosperity, [4/7/11](#)]

**2009 Headline: “PolitiFact’s Lie of the Year: ‘Death Panels.’”** [PolitiFact, [12/18/09](#)]

**PolitiFact: “There Is No Panel In Any Version Of The Health Care Bills In Congress That Judges A Person's ‘Level Of Productivity In Society’ To Determine Whether They Are ‘Worthy’ Of Health Care.”** According to PolitiFact, “We have read all 1,000-plus pages of the Democratic bill and examined versions in various committees. There is no panel in any version of the health care bills in Congress that judges a person's ‘level of productivity in society’ to determine whether they are ‘worthy’ of health care. Palin's claim sounds a little like another statement making the rounds, which says that health care reform would mandate counseling for seniors on how to end their lives sooner. We rated this claim Pants on Fire! The truth is that the health bill allows Medicare, for the first time, to pay for doctors' appointments for patients to discuss living wills and other end-of-life issues with their physicians. These types of appointments are completely optional, and AARP supports the measure.” [PolitiFact, [8/10/09](#)]

- **PolitiFact: Sarah Palin's Claim About Care Rationing And Death Panels Sounded More Like A Science Fiction Movie Than Part Of An Actual Bill Before Congress.** According to PolitiFact, “She said that the Democratic plan will ration care and “my parents or my baby with Down Syndrome will have to stand in front of Obama's 'death panel' so his bureaucrats can decide, based on a subjective judgment of their 'level of productivity in society,' whether they are worthy of health care.” Palin's statement sounds more like a science fiction movie (Soylent Green, anyone?) than part of an actual bill before Congress. We rate her statement Pants on Fire!” [PolitiFact, [8/10/09](#)]

**About 30 Percent Of The Public Believed Death Panels Were Part Of Health Care Reform, Both The Week After Palin Originally Made The Comment And A Month Later.** According to PolitiFact, “Two independent polls showed that about 30 percent of the public believed death panels were part of health care reform, both the week after Palin made the comment and a month later. Yet seniors were no more likely to believe it than other age groups. The polls showed a closer correlation by party, with Republicans more likely to say that death panels were part of the plans pending in Congress. It's not clear whether Palin's comments swayed anyone who was undecided or unsure about health care reform.” [PolitiFact, [12/18/09](#)]

***AFP-NH Leadership Repeated The 2010 Lie Of The Year That The ACA Was A “Government Takeover”***

**AFP-NH Director Greg Moore Accused Sen. Shaheen Of Supporting “A Failed Government Takeover.”** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “Greg Moore, AFP-NH State Director[:] ‘Across the state, in places like Nashua, Derry, Portsmouth, Rochester and Concord, many will lose access to the doctors with whom they have built long-standing, trusted relationships. It's time for Sen. Shaheen to admit that ObamaCare doesn't work and join the many members of Congress who are working to find solutions that fix our health care system, instead of a failed government takeover.’” [Americans for Prosperity, [1/3/14](#)]

- **AFP-NH Director Greg Moore: “New Hampshire Is Rejecting This Government Takeover Of The Health Care System.”** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “‘ObamaCare will be the defining issue for 2014 and those who support this law that the Obama Administration called a ‘debacle’ will be held accountable for their work to implement it in New Hampshire,’ said Greg Moore, AFP-NH State Director. ‘Whether those individuals who voted in favor of this law when it first passed or those who want to bring it to the state in the form of Medicaid expansion, they will see and feel just how destructive ObamaCare has been by driving up premiums, costing people their doctors and hospitals and canceling the coverage of a huge number of Granite Staters. The public has now had a chance to see ObamaCare in action, and New Hampshire is rejecting this government takeover of the health care system.’” [Americans for Prosperity, [2/3/14](#)]
- **AFP-NH Director Greg Moore: Doctors “Are Giving The Federal Takeover Of Our Health Care System A Major Thumbs Down.”** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “‘Doctors are those who have to deal the realities of ObamaCare, and they are giving the federal takeover of our health care system a major thumbs down,’ said Greg Moore, AFP-NH State Director.” [Americans for Prosperity, [9/18/14](#)]



**2010 Headline: “PolitiFact’s Lie Of The Year: ‘A Government Takeover Of Health Care.’”** [PolitiFact, [12/16/10](#)]

**PolitiFact: The Lie “Played An Important Role In Shaping Public Opinion About The Health Care Plan.”** According to PolitiFact, “PolitiFact editors and reporters have chosen ‘government takeover of health care’ as the 2010 Lie of the Year. Uttered by dozens of politicians and pundits, it played an important role in shaping public opinion about the health care plan and was a significant factor in the Democrats' shellacking in the November elections.” [PolitiFact, [12/16/10](#)]

- **PolitiFact: “It Is Inaccurate To Call The Plan A Government Takeover Because It Relies Largely On The Existing System Of Health Coverage Provided By Employers” And Was “At Its Heart, A System That Relies On Private Companies And The Free Market.”** According to PolitiFact, “PolitiFact reporters have studied the 906-page bill and interviewed independent health care experts. We have concluded it is inaccurate to call the plan a government takeover because it relies largely on the existing system of health coverage provided by employers. It's true that the law does significantly increase government regulation of health insurers. But it is, at its heart, a system that relies on private companies and the free market.” [PolitiFact, [12/16/10](#)]

**UNC-Chapel Hill Professor Of Health Policy Jonathan Oberlander: “The Label ‘Government Takeover’ Has No Basis In Reality, But Instead Reflects A Political Dynamic Where Conservatives Label Any Increase In Government Authority In Health Care As A ‘Takeover.’”** According to PolitiFact, “The phrase is simply not true. Said Jonathan Oberlander, a professor of health policy at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill: “The label “government takeover” has no basis in reality, but instead reflects a political dynamic where conservatives label any increase in government authority in health care as a “takeover.”” [PolitiFact, [12/16/10](#)]

## **60 PLUS RAN A DISHONEST CAMPAIGN AGAINST MEDICARE**

**The 60 Plus Association Ran Ads In New Hampshire Promoting The 2011 Ryan Plan To End Medicare**

**The 60 Plus Association Launched A Radio Ad In Support Of Rep. Charles Bass For Supporting The 2011 “House Budget Proposal,” Claiming The Vote “Protect Medicare For New Hampshire’s Seniors.”** According to a press release by the 60 Plus Association, “The 60 Plus Association, nationally recognized as the conservative alternative to the liberal AARP, today launched a new radio ad in New Hampshire’s 2nd Congressional District, thanking Rep. Charles Bass for protecting Medicare during the recent budget debates. ‘Rep. Charles Bass proved he is different from many in Washington,’ said Jim Martin, Chairman of the 60 Plus Association. ‘Rep. Bass did what he promised he would do: protect Medicare for New Hampshire’s seniors. He voted for the House budget proposal, which strengthens and preserves Medicare, and in doing so, helped ensure the program would be available for current and future seniors. On behalf of the 60 Plus Association, I would like to thank Rep. Bass for standing up for New Hampshire seniors and protecting Medicare – just like he promised he would.’ The one-minute radio ad will begin airing on April 21. The organization has also launched a direct mail campaign this week across the district.” [60 Plus Association, [4/21/11](#)]

- **Bass Voted For The 2011 Republican Budget Blueprint.** [H Con Res 34, Vote 277, [4/15/11](#)]
- **Wall Street Journal: GOP Plan Would “End Medicare.”** According to the Wall Street Journal, “The plan would essentially end Medicare, which now pays most of the health-care bills for 48 million elderly and disabled Americans, as a program that directly pays those bills.” [Wall Street Journal, [4/04/11](#)]
- **TIME: “Extreme” Republican Budget Changes Medicare “From a Guaranteed Benefit Into A System In Which Private Insurers Would Cover Americans.”** In April 2011 TIME Swampland’s Kate Pickert wrote, “[Paul Ryan’s Republican budget] plan for Medicare, the insurance program for seniors that’s on an unsustainable path and accounts for about 13% of the federal budget, is extreme by any measure. His proposal would turn the program from a guaranteed benefit into a system in which private insurers would cover elderly Americans, whose premiums would be subsidized by the federal government.” [TIME, [4/6/11](#)]
- **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: The Ryan Plan Would “Phase Out Traditional Medicare” And “Likely Increase Total Health Care Spending.”** According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities,

“Premium support proposals that phase out traditional Medicare, such as Chairman Ryan's plan, would likely increase total health care spending (public and private combined), as the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO's) analysis of the Ryan plan indicates, because they would lose these cost-containing features of Medicare. CBO estimates the House plan would increase total health spending attributable to the average 65-year-old beneficiary by almost 40 percent and increase that beneficiary's out-of-pocket spending by over \$6,000 in 2022. Even premium support proposals that retain traditional Medicare as an option for enrollees would risk undercutting Medicare's ability to serve as a leader in controlling costs by depriving it of the considerable market power (in dealing with health care providers) that it derives from its large enrollment.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/26/11](#)]

- **Congressional Budget Office: The Ryan Plan Would Increase Average 65-Year-Old Beneficiary's Out-Of-Pocket Spending By Over \$6,000 In 2022.** According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, “Premium support proposals that phase out traditional Medicare, such as Chairman Ryan's plan, would likely increase total health care spending (public and private combined), as the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO's) analysis of the Ryan plan indicates, because they would lose these cost-containing features of Medicare. CBO estimates the House plan would increase total health spending attributable to the average 65-year-old beneficiary by almost 40 percent and increase that beneficiary's out-of-pocket spending by over \$6,000 in 2022.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/26/11](#)]

**60 Plus Targeted 18 Democratic Reps, Including Rep. Shea-Porter, Who It Claimed “Voted Yes To Cut Medicare By Half A Trillion Dollars.”** According to a press release by 60 Plus Association via PR Newswire, “With President Obama hosting a bipartisan meeting on health care reform next week, the 60 Plus Association announced today a new advertising campaign featuring seniors who urge Congress to ‘Start over and get health care right.’ The advertising campaign will target 18 Democrat Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, all whom voted YES to cut Medicare by half a trillion dollars last year. This latest 60 Plus Association advertising campaign will target these 18 Members with a mix of district-specific television, cable and radio ads, as well as phone calls (a full list of targets can be found below). In total, 60 Plus is spending \$500,000 on this latest round of advertising to make sure these Members get the message - ‘Start over and get health care right.’ [...] Radio Targets [included] Shea-Porter (D, NH-01)[.]” [60 Plus Association, 2/17/10]

- **Factcheck.org Headline: “Misleading Onslaught By 60 Plus”** [Factcheck.org, [9/17/10](#)]
- **Factcheck.org: 60 Plus Association’s Medicare Claims Were “Misleading” And Debunked Repeatedly.** According to Factcheck.org, “The conservative 60 Plus Association has launched a flurry of ads against 16 Democrats, many of them in tight House races. [...] Every one of the ads notes that the law cuts Medicare by \$500 billion. But that’s misleading, as we’ve pointed out time and again. The law calls for \$555 billion in cuts in future growth of the program – over 10 years. The total projected cost of Medicare over that time, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, is \$7.1 trillion, even with the cuts. CBO predicts that federal outlays for Medicare in fiscal year 2020 will be \$929 billion, compared with projected spending of \$519 billion this year. So the program isn’t being cut below existing levels, or even stopped in its tracks. It will simply grow slightly less than it would have otherwise – about 7 percent less.” [Factcheck.org, [9/17/10](#)]

**60 Plus Featured Pat Boone In A Paid Automated Phone Campaign Promoting “Frank Guinta, Who Understands That Obamacare Hurts Seniors By Cutting Medicare,” In The Closing Days Of The 2014 Election.** According to 60 Plus, “Legendary entertainer and seniors advocate Pat Boone has recorded a message to voters on behalf of the Frank Guinta for Congress campaign. Guinta is running in New Hampshire’s 1st Congressional District. Boone made the recording today in his capacity as spokesman for the national non-partisan senior citizen group the 60 Plus Association, which has more than 7.2 million senior supporters nationally, including more than 4,900 in New Hampshire’s 1st District. [...] The transcript — subject to an occasional Boone ad-lib — is below: Hello Friend—This is Pat Boone. Yes, the Love Letters in the Sand guy. I’m still singing at concerts, but today I’m calling on behalf of the 60 Plus Association to sing the praises of Frank Guinta for Congress. We need strong leaders in Washington like Frank Guinta, who understands that Obamacare hurts seniors by cutting Medicare.” [60 Plus, [10/30/14](#)]

## **AFP-NH FOUGHT MEDICAID EXPANSION, CLAIMING IT WAS A “DISINCENTIVE FOR PEOPLE TO WORK HARDER”**

**AFP-NH Made Blocking Medicaid Expansion A Top Priority For 2013.** According to the Union Leader, “A legislative commission is studying the potential effects of expanding Medicaid eligibility to include individuals and families at 138 percent of the federal poverty level or below. The federal government will pay 100 percent for the new enrollees for three years under the ACA. One of the AFP-NH's top priorities this year was to block Medicaid expansion.” [Union Leader, 8/1/13]

- **AFP-NH State Director Greg Moore Opposed Expansion Of Medicaid, Which He Described As A “Low-Quality” Program “Already Coming Apart At The Seams.”** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire Director Greg Moore said lawmakers should find ways to get private insurance for the poor rather than grow an already-expensive entitlement program. ‘Medicaid expansion would cause over 20,000 New Hampshire residents to lose their high-quality private health insurance, and often their doctors, to get dumped into a low-quality Medicaid program that is already coming apart at the seams,’ Moore said in a statement.” [Nashua Telegraph, 10/16/13]
- **Moore: Medicaid Expansion Was A “Government-Run Health Care Scheme That Only Hurts People.”** According to the Union Leader, “The House on Tuesday passed it by a more partisan vote of 202-132, with 11 Republicans in favor and only one Democrat opposed. Meanwhile, conservative groups issued statements indicating they will try to find primary opponents for Republicans who backed the plan. Greg Moore, state director of the conservative Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire, said, ‘The public has shown that it will punish those who have embraced this government-run health care scheme that only hurts people. AFP will work to ensure that the citizens of New Hampshire get to hold those individuals accountable for this terrible decision.’” [Union Leader, [3/27/14](#)]

**AFP-NH State Director Greg Moore “Took Aim At The State’s Medicaid Program, Saying The Escalating Costs Are Eating Up The State Budget While Expanding Eligibility Helps Abled-Bodied Adults At The Expense Of Children And The Elderly.”** According to the New Hampshire Union Leader, “[AFP-NH State Director Greg] Moore also took aim at the state's Medicaid program, saying the escalating costs are eating up the state budget while expanding eligibility helps abled-bodied adults at the expense of children and the elderly.” [New Hampshire Union Leader, [2/5/15](#)]

**Moore: Praised The State House For “The Wise Decision To Allow Medicaid Expansion Under Obamacare To Sunset, As In Current Law, As Opposed To Putting The Ticking Fiscal Time Bomb As A Permanent Fixture In The Law.”** According to a statement from AFP-New Hampshire State Director Greg Moore on the passage of the state House budget in a web post from AFP, “This is an important start to delivering a final budget that delivers on the commitment to limited government and low taxes that make the New Hampshire Advantage a reality. The House also made the wise decision to allow Medicaid expansion under ObamaCare to sunset, as in current law, as opposed to putting the ticking fiscal time bomb as a permanent fixture in the law. This is a good, positive foundation for a great budget.” [Americans for Prosperity, [4/2/15](#)]

**State Director Greg Moore Praised A House Committee Vote Against Medicaid Expansion As “The Right Course Of Action.”** According to the New Hampshire Union Leader, “A House committee voted along party lines Sunday to allow the state’s Medicaid expansion to expire on Dec. 31, 2016. a move a spokesman for Gov. Maggie Hassan called ‘misguided.’ [...] Today’s decision was the right course of action and an important first step to protecting the long-term future of state finances.” [New Hampshire Union Leader, [3/15/15](#)]

**Moore: “Medicaid Expansion Actually Provides A Disincentive For People To Work Their Way Out Of Poverty And Achieve Prosperity.”** According to the New Hampshire Union Leader, “Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire state director Greg Moore supported the committee’s vote.” ‘Medicaid is already eating the state budget alive, undermining critical services like education, public safety and citizens’ access to the courts. Today, the House Finance Committee made a wise decision to stop selling tickets onto the Titanic,’ Moore said in a statement. ‘Moreover, Medicaid expansion actually provides a disincentive for people to work their way out of poverty and achieve prosperity.’” [New Hampshire Union Leader, [3/15/15](#)]

**Moore: Putting People On Medicaid Creates “Disincentive For People To Work Harder For Fear Of Losing That Benefit.”** According to Watchdog.org, “Putting people on Medicaid gives a false sense of security, because the quality

standards of Medicaid are far below those of traditional health insurance,’ Moore told Ohio Watchdog. Worse, Moore said, is the ‘disincentive for people to work harder for fear of losing that benefit.’ ‘Providing a disincentive to people to achieve their full potential is a completely backwards public policy,’ Moore said. Obamacare’s Medicaid expansion covers working-age adults with no kids and no disabilities. ‘The argument that somehow growing government is a good idea because it involves federal dollars as opposed to state dollars’ is ‘nonsense that most taxpayers see through in a heartbeat,’ Moore added.” [Watchdog.org, [7/24/15](#)]

**Moore: “Putting People On Medicaid Gives A False Sense Of Security, Because The Quality Standards Of Medicaid Are Far Below Those Of Traditional Health Insurance.”** According to Watchdog.org, “Greg Moore, state director for Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire, declined to comment on Kasich’s visit but said Obamacare expansion is bad policy. ‘Putting people on Medicaid gives a false sense of security, because the quality standards of Medicaid are far below those of traditional health insurance,’ Moore told Ohio Watchdog.” [Watchdog.org, [7/24/15](#)]

**Moore: ACA Expansion In New Hampshire And Other States Was Promoted By “Special Interests Who Work Diligently To Try To Grow Government If They Think It Might Mean More Money For Them.”** According to Watchdog.org, “As director of public affairs and government relations in the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services from 2003-07, Moore has followed the state’s Medicaid program closely for over a decade. Obamacare expansion in New Hampshire and other states is promoted, he said, by ‘special interests who work diligently to try to grow government if they think it might mean more money for them.’” [Watchdog.org, [7/24/15](#)]

**“Moore Also Took Aim At The State’s Medicaid Program, Saying The Escalating Costs Are Eating Up The State Budget While Expanding Eligibility Helps Abled-Bodied Adults At The Expense Of Children And The Elderly.”** According to the New Hampshire Union Leader, “[AFP-NH State Director Greg] Moore also took aim at the state’s Medicaid program, saying the escalating costs are eating up the state budget while expanding eligibility helps abled-bodied adults at the expense of children and the elderly.” [New Hampshire Union Leader, [2/5/15](#)]

**Moore Accused Gov. Hassan And Medicaid Expansion Supporters Of “Inflating” The State’s Plan For 58,000 Clients When Only 22,300 “Need It.”** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “[AFP-NH State Director] Greg Moore accused Gov. Maggie Hassan and supporters of inflating the Medicaid expansion plan for 58,000 clients when it would only serve 22,300 who need it.” [Telegraph, [1/29/14](#)]

**After NH Expanded Its Medicaid Program, About 42,000 Individuals Enrolled, With Nearly Two-Thirds— 27,000— Having Been Previously Uninsured.** According to the Valley News, “Covering New Hampshire estimates that 53,000 individuals were enrolled in the marketplace by the end of the second enrollment period in February, and of those surveyed, 44 percent were previously uninsured. After the state expanded its Medicaid program, about 42,000 individuals enrolled either through the state’s managed care program for Medicaid or through a program that subsidizes employer coverage. Covering New Hampshire estimates that 27,000 of that total were previously uninsured” [Valley News, [10/12/15](#)]

## AFP-NH Pushed Right To Work For Less Laws On New Hampshire Workers

### AFP MADE SO-CALLED “RIGHT TO WORK” A TOP PRIORITY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE...

**AFP-NH’s 2014 Candidate Pledge, Signed By More Than 200 Candidates For State Office, Included A Commitment To Pass A Right To Work Law.** According to the Concord Monitor, “More than 200 candidates for state office have signed onto an Americans for Prosperity pledge saying they’ll cut taxes, fight to pass a right to work law and oppose Medicaid expansion.” [Concord Monitor, [7/30/14](#)]

- **Lewandowski: A Vote To Override Governor Lynch’s Veto Of Right-To-Work Was A “Vital Piece Of Legislation.”** According to NH Insider, “Remaining to be addressed when the legislature reconvenes is the move to override Governor Lynch’s veto of the Right-to-Work legislation that was passed this session. This vital piece of legislation will increase New Hampshire’s competitiveness both in the region and around the country. We should



encourage our legislators to stand with job creators across the Granite State and support an override of the Governor's veto when this comes to a vote." [Cory Lewandowski – NH Insider, [7/4/11](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity Advocated For The “Opportunity” To Make NH The First Right To Work State In New England.** According to Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire, “Finally, we support this year’s Right to Work bill. This legislation presents NH with an opportunity to become the first Right to Work state in New England and give workers in the state the choice as to whether or not to join a labor union. States that adopt Right to Work see increases in employment numbers and attract new employers to their state.” [Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire, [1/30/13](#)]

- **After The Bill Failed 212-141, AFP Charged That The House Was “Choosing To Make NH Less Competitive.”** According to Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire, “Americans for Prosperity (AFP) New Hampshire is expressing disappointment in today’s House vote to deny workers the right to choose whether to belong to a union. ‘We believe NH workers should have the freedom to choose whether or not to join a union. It is disappointing that the House would vote to deny workers that right,’ said Corey R. Lewandowski, State Director of Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire. ‘Becoming a Right to Work state leads to more job opportunities and attracts new employers to a state. With this vote, the House is choosing to make NH less competitive with other states that do have Right to Work laws.’ This year’s Right to Work legislation, HB 323, was voted down in the House 212 to 141. ‘We will continue to support Right to Work legislation in this state so that our workers will gain increased freedom of choice and our state will see increased economic expansion and prosperity,’ Lewandowski continued.” [Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire, [2/13/13](#)]

**Thomson: “The Sooner We Pass The Right-To-Work Law In New Hampshire, The Better Off Our Citizens, Our Economy And Our State Will Be.”** According to an opinion by AFP New Hampshire Honorary Chairman Tom Thomson for the Union Leader, “The New Hampshire Advantage is alive and well and gives our state a majority advantage over our neighbors. By adding right-to-work to those assets, we would move our economy into an even greater position to be the long-term economic leader in the Northeast. The sooner we pass the right-to-work law in New Hampshire, the better off our citizens, our economy and our state will be.” [Union Leader - Tom Thomson, [8/1/13](#)]

**AFP-NH Credited Michigan’s Passage Of Right To Work Legislation With Moving It Ahead Of New Hampshire in CNBC’s Top States For Business Ratings.** According to Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire, “Americans for Prosperity – New Hampshire (AFP-NH) today offered the following comments in response to CNBC’s dropping the state from #27 in the 2013 rankings to #30 in this year’s rankings in the network’s Top States for Business profile. [...] AFP-NH pointed to Michigan as a state that passed a Right to Work law and moved ahead of New Hampshire in the ratings. ‘Michigan’s Right to Work law went into effect last year and they immediately zoomed past us in being a top state for business,’ added Moore. ‘If we could pass similar worker freedom bills and reduce what is among the highest tax burdens on employers in the country, we could easily move up the charts and have companies banging on our door to come here. We want to see I-93 South at the state line empty during the morning rush hour because we have the jobs we need right here.’” [Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire, [6/25/14](#)]

- **AFP New Hampshire State Director Greg Moore Said To Create Job Growth, New Hampshire Had To Pass Right To Work Legislation.** According to Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire, “AFP State Director Greg Moore called for the legislature to get serious about passing laws to help create jobs, not bills that undermine growth. ‘While we are among the worst states in creating jobs, our current legislature refuses to take the steps needed to reverse this trend,’ Moore added. ‘We should be passing Right to Work here, cutting a business tax rate that’s the 3rd highest in the country, opposing new tax hikes on fuel as well as repealing a cap-and-trade program that drive up the cost of energy, if we were serious about creating jobs.’” [Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire, [2/12/14](#)]

**AFP-NH Released A Report, “Analyzing the Effects of Right to Work in New Hampshire,” In Hopes Of Advancing Legislation In 2015.** According to the Union Leader, “Advocates for right-to-work legislation released a study Thursday that maintains it would boost New Hampshire’s economy. The study predicts the state would add 4,000 to 6,000 jobs over two years after passage, and would ‘approach levels of full employment.’ The conservative Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire said it hopes its report helps advance such legislation in 2015. [...] The study, ‘Analyzing [sic] the Effects of Right to Work in New Hampshire,’ points to Indiana as a case study. Indiana passed right to work in 2012.” [Union Leader, [7/25/14](#)]

## ...AN EFFORT BACKED UP BY SEVERAL KOCH-BACKED GROUPS...

### The Mercatus Center

**According To Mercatus, New Hampshire's "Labor-Market Freedom Is Subpar" Because "The State Lacks A Right-To-Work Law."** According to the Mercatus Center's FreedomInThe50States.org, "Labor-market freedom is subpar: the state lacks a right-to-work law and has a universal workers' compensation mandate." [FreedomInThe50States.org, accessed [9/18/15](#)]

### Freedom Partners

**Freedom Partners Directed \$1 Million To The National Right To Work Committee As It Prepared For Legislative Efforts In New Hampshire.** According to an opinion by Carl Deal and Tia Lessin in the Daily Beast, "This calculus may be why in 2012, Freedom Partners—a group that Politico dubbed the Koch's private bank—directed \$1 million to the National Right to Work Committee (NWRP). And why Republican legislators and governors, buoyed by Walker's success in kneecapping public sector unions, are intent on eliminating all unions, public and private sector alike. Backed by big money like AFP and other groups in the Koch political funding network, and relying on pre-fab 'right to work' legislation authored by the NWRP and the Koch-funded American Legislative Exchange Council, they have introduced or will soon introduce union-busting legislation in key battleground states: Ohio, Colorado, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Missouri, and Pennsylvania, as well as Wisconsin." [Carl Deal & Tia Lessin – The Daily Beast, [12/22/14](#)]

### ALEC

**New Hampshire Right To Work Bills Were "Taken Straight From The ALEC Playbook."** According to PR Watch, "Working families won a round last week when two Republicans in the State Senate voted with all 10 Democrats against a RTW bill, resulting in a 12-12 tie which defeats the bill. Even so, two other RTW bills continue to move through the State House. H.B. 658 is taken straight from the ALEC playbook." [PR Watch, [3/11/15](#)]

- **International Brotherhood Of Teamsters General President James P. Hoffa: Despite The Best Efforts Of The Koch Brothers And Their Friends At ALEC, So-Called Right-To-Work Measures Have Already Gone Down In Flames In New Hampshire.** According to a Huffington Post blog post by International Brotherhood of Teamsters General President James P. Hoffa, "Despite the best efforts of the Koch brothers and their friends at the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), so-called right-to-work measures have already gone down in flames in Kentucky, New Hampshire and Oregon." [James P. Hoffa - Huffington Post, [4/8/14](#)]

## ... PUSHING THEIR NATIONAL AGENDA WITHOUT REGARD FOR ACTUAL CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

- **New Hampshire's Unemployment Rate Was Well Under The National Average At 3.4%.** According to the Union Leader, "The September unemployment rate in New Hampshire was 3.4 percent, a drop of .2 percentage points from the previous month, state employment officials reported. Nationally, the rate was 5.1 percent, unchanged from the previous month. In September, seasonally adjusted estimates counted 718,340 New Hampshire residents as employed, an actual decrease of 2,210 from the previous month, the Department of Employment Security reported. The number of unemployed residents in New Hampshire fell by 1,480 people, to 25,300." [Union Leader, [10/13/15](#)]

**New Hampshire's Rate Of Union Membership Was Already Below The National Average And Lower Than Any Other New England Area State.** According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2014 New Hampshire had a union membership rate below the national average and lower than any other New England area state at 9.9%. [Bureau of Labor Statistics, [1/23/15](#)]

- **Valley News: "Currently, Republicans In The Legislature Are Pushing For A Right-To-Work Law, Though Unions Are No More Prevalent Than Palm Trees In New Hampshire."** According to an editorial by the Valley

News, “In the end, New Hampshire will have to build its case for exceptionalism by making clear what it is for, rather than what it is against. Currently, Republicans in the Legislature are pushing for a right-to-work law, though unions are no more prevalent than palm trees in New Hampshire, and voted to allow concealed weapons in the House chamber. They began their budget work with proposals for business tax cuts, so departments that have been on a strict diet could have their rations cut further.” [Editorial – Valley News, [3/13/15](#)]

- **The Attempt To Pass “Right To Work” Legislation Failed.** According to the Union Leader, “The Senate without debated tabled a bill that would have made New Hampshire a right-to-work state, which prohibits unions from charging non-members for negotiating and administering collective bargaining agreements. Earlier this year the Senate deadlocked 12-12 on its own right-to-work bill, which was nearly identical to House Bill 658. The Senate's action essentially kills right-to-work legislation this session.” [Union Leader, [4/30/15](#)]
- **Sen. Donna Soucy: “The Bipartisan Defeat Of The So-Called ‘Right To Work Bill’” Came As NH Had “A Lower Unemployment Rate And A Stronger Economy Than Most States With So-Called Right To Work Laws.”** According to NH Labor News, “Senator Donna Soucy of Manchester applauds the bipartisan defeat of Senate Bill 107 the so-called ‘Right to Work Bill’ on the Senate Floor by a tie vote of 12-12. ‘I am pleased to see the bipartisan defeat of the so-called “Right to Work Bill”,’ said Senator Soucy. ‘There’s a reason why Democrats and Republicans have come together to defeat this flawed proposal for decades – it’s simply wrong for New Hampshire.’ After failing to pass on a 12-12 tie vote, the Senate voted to table the proposal which kills the bill for the year. It would require 13 votes to take the bill off the table. ‘The facts remain clear, New Hampshire has a lower unemployment rate and a stronger economy than most states with so-called right to work laws,’ said Senator Soucy. ‘In states with a so-called right to work law, workers on average have a lower standard of living, bring home less in their paychecks and go without health insurance more frequently.’” [NH Labor News, [3/5/15](#)]

**Many Experts, Business Owners And Promoters Of Economic Development Said That “Right-To-Work” Legislation Would Be Unlikely To Create Jobs And Could Hurt The State, Which Had The Nation's Fourth Lowest Unemployment Rate.** According to the Huffington Post, “The nationwide anti-union push is moving to New Hampshire, where the state legislature is considering right-to-work legislation once again. [...] Yet, many experts, business owners and promoters of economic development say that the proposed legislation would be unlikely to create jobs or persuade new businesses to open in New Hampshire. In fact, some say, it could hurt the state. Hampshire is tied for having the the [sic] nation's fourth lowest unemployment rate, at 5.1 percent.” [Huffington Post, [2/9/12](#)]

- **Moore Claimed “Right To Work” Was A Necessary Step To Create Job Growth, NH Was “Among The Worst States In Creating Jobs” And Accused The Legislature Of Refusing To Take The Steps Needed To Reverse This Negative Trend.** According to Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire, “AFP State Director Greg Moore called for the legislature to get serious about passing laws to help create jobs, not bills that undermine growth. ‘While we are among the worst states in creating jobs, our current legislature refuses to take the steps needed to reverse this trend,’ Moore added. ‘We should be passing Right to Work here, cutting a business tax rate that’s the 3rd highest in the country, opposing new tax hikes on fuel as well as repealing a cap-and-trade program that drive up the cost of energy, if we were serious about creating jobs.’” [Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire, [2/12/14](#)]
- **October 2015: At 3.0%, New Hampshire’s Unemployment Rate Was Continually Improving.** According to New Hampshire Employment Security, “Seasonally adjusted estimates for October 2015 placed the number of employed residents at 716,530, a decrease of 1,780 from the previous month and an increase of 5,930 from October 2014. The number of unemployed residents decreased by 870 over-the-month to 24,430. This was 5,760 fewer unemployed than in October 2014. From September 2015 to October 2015, the total labor force decreased by 2,650 to 740,960. This was an increase of 170 from October 2014. The unadjusted October 2015 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 3.0 percent, unchanged from the September rate which remained at 3.0 percent after revision. The October 2014 unadjusted rate was 3.7 percent.” [New Hampshire Employment Security, [11/17/15](#)]

## **AFP Acknowledged The Importance Of LIHEAP For Poor Families During The Harsh Winter But Still Demanded Cuts Hurting Thousands**

### **NATIONALLY, AFP PROMOTED CUTTING LIHEAP ASSISTANCE AND BLOCKING LIHEAP HOUSEHOLDS FROM AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFYING FOR SNAP...**

**AFP Promoted LIHEAP Cuts As One Of The “Most Popular Spending Cut Ideas Among AFP Activists.”** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “Poll Results: Three Most Popular Spending Cut Ideas Among AFP Activists [...] As the largest agency in the federal government, the Department of Health and Human Services is prone to a great deal of waste, countless underperforming or redundant programs, and high levels of fraud and improper payments. This year the President’s budget identified 20 programs in HHS that could be cut, including the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Community Services Block Grant.” [Americans for Prosperity, [5/7/12](#)]

**AFP Supported Legislation To “End The Loophole That Allows Households Benefiting From Low-Income Home Energy Assistance” To Qualify For SNAP.** According to a letter by Americans for Prosperity Director of Policy James Valvo, “On behalf of more than two million Americans for Prosperity activists in all 50 states, I write in support of the Improve Nutrition Program Integrity and Deficit Reduction Act of 2013 (S. 458 and H.R. 1510). [...] Additionally, your legislation would end the loophole that allows households benefiting from Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) to qualify for SNAP. There have been cases where a state government gives households as little as \$1 a year in heating assistance under LIHEAP so that they may be eligible for SNAP benefits, too. CBO reports that eliminating this loophole would result in \$12.1 billion in savings over the next decade.” [Americans for Prosperity - James Valvo, [3/5/13](#)]

- **N.H. NGO Rockingham Community Action Leader Patte Ardizonni: If Someone Needs Fuel Assistance There Are Often Other Problems Present.** According to the Eagle Tribune, “If someone needs fuel assistance, Ardizonni [of Rockingham Community Action] said, there are often other problems, too. Fuel assistance can be the first step in finding out what, if any, problems are present.” [Eagle Tribune, [2/18/15](#)]

**AFP Urged Congress Members To Vote “No” On The Consolidated Appropriations Act Of 2014.** According to a key vote alert from AFP to Congress members, “On behalf of more than two million Americans for Prosperity activists in all 50 states, I write to urge you to vote NO on H.R. 3547, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014, which appropriates funds for the federal government for fiscal year 2014. I urge you to vote NO on the omnibus bill, H.R. 3547, which appropriates funds for fiscal year 2014. Americans for Prosperity will include this vote in our congressional scorecard.” [AFP Key Vote Alert, [1/15/14](#)]

- **Under The Consolidated Appropriations Act Of 2014, New Hampshire Received Over \$25 Million In Funding For The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.** According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, New Hampshire received \$25,536,004 in federal funding for FY 2014 under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014. [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, [1/30/14](#)]

### **... WHILE PLAYING UP THE PROGRAM’S FUNDING FOR THE POOR IN NEW HAMPSHIRE...**

**AFP-NH State Director Greg Moore: LIHEAP “Provides Funds For The Poor To Be Able To Purchase Oil To Warm Their Homes For The Winter, Which We Know Are Often Harsh In New Hampshire.”** According to an OpEd by New Hampshire State Director of Americans for Prosperity Greg Moore from Fosters.com, “As if these two crippling tax increases weren’t enough, the House also passed another energy tax hike, this one to increase the tax on home heating oil by 25%. This could hardly come at a worse time. President Obama has proposed significant reductions to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which provides funds for the poor to be able to purchase oil to warm their homes for the winter, which we know are often harsh in New Hampshire. Adding to this burden with a higher heating oil tax, when there is no indication that oil prices will start dropping anytime soon, could have consequences on many families across the state.” [Greg Moore - Fosters.com, [5/17/13](#)]



## **... BUT STILL ADVOCATING TO PRESERVE CUTS OF MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS THAT AFFECTED MORE THAN A THOUSAND NEW HAMPSHIRE FAMILIES.**

**AFP-NH State Director Greg Moore: The Sequester Cuts “Must Be Kept In Place.”** According to a press release from AFP-NH, “‘The debt ceiling provides an opportunity not merely to extend the national credit limit, but address the federal government’s spending addiction,’ said Greg Moore, AFP-NH State Director. [...] ‘The Budget Control Act has already constrained the growth of discretionary spending through sequester cuts and these cuts must be kept in place by holding funding in any continuing resolution at \$967 billion — the level already agreed to in the Budget Control Act.’” [AFP-NH Press Release, [10/10/13](#)]

- **The Sequester Reduced Funding To New Hampshire’s Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program By \$1.6 Million, Which “Directly Affected About 1,200 Families In The State.”** According to The Union Leader, “‘Since registration began earlier this month, about 30,000 households in New Hampshire have applied for fuel assistance. ‘The sequestration hit us really hard last year,’ said Celeste Lovett, fuel assistance program manager at the New Hampshire Office of Energy Planning. Lovett said the program lost more than \$1.6 million in funding, which directly affected about 1,200 families in the state. On Monday, Lovett met with Congresswoman Annie Kuster and representatives from Southern New Hampshire Services in Nashua to discuss funding cuts to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. ‘We are so close to the edge this year in terms of our funds,’ said Lovett, who fears she may have to turn people away. ‘That would be terrible.’” [Union Leader, [12/10/13](#)]

### **Almost 15,000 People Lost Assistance After LIHEAP Spending Was Cut**

**Eagle Tribune Headline: N.H. Residents Count On Fuel Assistance To Stay Warm.”** [Eagle Tribune, [2/18/15](#)]

**LIHEAP Funding Fell About 50 Percent In New Hampshire Since The Winter Of 2008-2009 And Went From Helping 44,000 People To 29,754.** According to the Eagle Tribune, “There are 29,754 people enrolled in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program this winter, according to Celeste Lovett, a fuel assistance program administrator for the N.H. Office of Energy and Planning. LIHEAP, a federal program, provides heating assistance to those in need. Around \$300 million was given to states and territories across the country last month, according to the federal Office of Community Services. New Hampshire got about \$25.48 million this winter, Lovette said. The problem, Kuster said, is that LIHEAP funding has fallen about 50 percent since the winter of 2008-2009, when New Hampshire received \$50.97 million to fund the program. That year, the program helped about 44,000 people.” [Eagle Tribune, [2/18/15](#)]

- **Valley News Headline: “Heating Help Declines As Need Only Grows.”** [Valley News, [1/12/14](#)]
- **With LIHEAP Getting Cut, People Have Been Reported Making Tough Decisions Like Only Using One Part Of Their Home Or Sleeping Near Open Flames.** According to the Eagle Tribune, “Officials talked about harsh conditions people face without fuel assistance, such as an older Rockingham County woman only using one part of her home. Clothier said he had heard of a family sleeping near a heating system — with an open flame — in the basement. When funding for LIHEAP gets cut, he said, people have to make tough decisions.” [Eagle Tribune, [2/18/15](#)]
- **Southern New Hampshire Services Officials Said That Some Families “Are Really Struggling” And Even Using Their Ovens And Space Heaters As Sole Sources Of Heat” Because They Can’t Afford Anything Else.** According to a press release from Rep. Ann McLane Kuster, “‘We have some families that are really struggling,’ Tracy Desmarais, energy crisis coordinator for Southern New Hampshire Services told Kuster. Gale Hennessey, director of SNHS, shared stories about families in southern New Hampshire using their ovens and space heaters as sole sources of heat during the winter months because they cannot afford to fill their fuel tanks.” [Rep. Ann McLane Kuster press release, [12/10/13](#)]

## **AFP Attempted To Destroy The RGGI By Forcing NH's Withdrawal Despite NH Economic Gains, Reduced Bills And Success In Meeting Standards**

### **AFP MADE REPEALING THE RGGI A TOP PRIORITY...**

**Election Night 2008: National AFP Congratulated President Obama But Vowed To Fight “His Stated Intention To Support A Cap-And-Trade Regulatory Regime That Will Cause Electricity Prices To ‘Skyrocket’ And Force An Entire Sector Of The Energy Industry To ‘Go Bankrupt.’”** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website obtained via the Wayback Machine, “Americans for Prosperity (AFP) President Tim Phillips tonight released the following statement in response to the election results: ‘We congratulate both Senator Obama and Senator McCain on what they have achieved during this long campaign, and we look forward to working constructively with both of them on behalf of America’s taxpayers in the months and years ahead. [...] That said, however, if he decides to follow through on his stated intention to support a cap-and-trade regulatory regime that will cause electricity prices to “skyrocket” and force an entire sector of the energy industry to “go bankrupt,” we will make sure the voice of the American energy consumer is heard loud and clear in Washington.’” [Americans for Prosperity, [11/5/08](#)]

**March 2009: AFP-NH Attacked Cap-And-Trade As A “Surprise Revenue Source To Pay For Much Of The Obama Budget.”** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website obtained via the Wayback Machine, “The surprise revenue source to pay for much of the Obama budget is something known deceptively as ‘climate revenues,’ also known as ‘cap-and-trade.’ What cap-and-trade really means is tax-and-spend—at an unprecedented level and with sweeping consequences throughout the economy, both nationally and here in New Hampshire. It’s the worst kind of tax hike—a hidden tax hike, hidden behind a complex regulatory scheme that only adds to the cost.” [Americans for Prosperity, [3/27/09](#)]

**AFP-NH Director Corey Lewandowski: “The Repeal Of RGGI Is A Top Priority For AFP-NH.”** According to the Union Leader, ““The repeal of RGGI is a top priority for AFP-NH and we are willing to educate as many people as necessary to get rid of this cap and trade tax on New Hampshire ratepayers,’ [AFP-NH director Corey] Lewandowski said.” [Union Leader, 4/6/11]

**AFP Funded “Two Years’ Worth Of Robocalls, Mailers And Radio Ads To Try To Persuade Granite State Voters To End The State’s Participation In The Program.”** According to TIME Magazine, “The group’s New Hampshire arm has funded two years’ worth of robocalls, mailers and radio ads to try to persuade Granite State voters to end the state’s participation in the [RGGI] program, which AFP views as a tax on energy. Though less eye-catching than the tens of millions of dollars AFP has poured into the presidential race, the group’s effort in New Hampshire shows how a little bit of dark money can go a long way in state-level fights.” [TIME Magazine, [11/1/12](#)]

### **... SAW NEW HAMPSHIRE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESSURE OTHER STATES TO ABANDON THE INITIATIVE...**

**2011: AFP Successfully Lobbied The NH House To Withdraw From The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.**

According to Electric Power Daily, “New Hampshire’s House of Representatives approved a bill Wednesday to withdraw from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, following lobbying by a Washington-based group also pushing New Jersey to withdraw. [...] Washington-based Americans for Prosperity called voters over the weekend, urging them to tell lawmakers they are against RGGI.” [Electric Power Daily, 2/24/11]

- **Lewandowski: “We Have Been Contacting Constituents So That They Can Contact Their Elected Officials.”** According to Electric Power Daily, “In New Hampshire, AFP is focusing on phone calling and grassroots persuasion because the state has a small media market and citizen legislators are each paid only \$100/year. ‘We have been contacting constituents so that they can contact their elected officials,’ Lewandowski said.” [Electric Power Daily, 2/24/11]

**AFP Sought NH’s Withdrawal To “Create Pressure On Republican Governors Of Larger States” To Leave The Program So That “The System Will Fall Apart.”** According to Electric Power Daily, “New Hampshire with any foresight will remove itself from this program and help this system [RGGI] fall apart,’ said Corey Lewandowski, director of AFP’s New

Hampshire chapter. New Hampshire's withdrawal, alone, will not damage the cap-and-trade system because the state is small, he said. However, if New Hampshire withdraws it will create pressure on Republican governors of larger states, such as Maine and New Jersey, to leave the 10-state trading program, he said. 'If even just Maine and New Jersey remove themselves from RGGI, the system will fall apart. There is just not enough revenue without them,' he said." [Electric Power Daily, 2/24/11]

**AFP-NH Released A Statement "Commending New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's Decision To Remove New Jersey From The Cap-And-Trade Scheme Known As RGGI."** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website obtained via the Wayback Machine, "Today Americans for Prosperity (AFP) New Hampshire is commending New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's decision to remove New Jersey from the cap-and-trade scheme known as RGGI. 'I applaud Governor Christie for his commitment to removing New Jersey from RGGI,' said Corey R. Lewandowski, State Director of Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire. 'In 3 years, RGGI has produced no positive measurable results. What has occurred over the same period of time during this failed cap-and-trade experiment is that New Hampshire consumers have seen their electricity rates increase as a result of the state's participation in RGGI.'" [Americans for Prosperity, [2/24/11](#)]

**AFP-NH Ran Ads On Several Radio Stations Advocating For Legislation To End New Hampshire's Participation In The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.** According to the Union Leader, "The conservative non-profit Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire on Wednesday will begin advertising on several radio stations throughout the state in favor of legislation to end New Hampshire's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, or 'RGGI.' The legislation passed the House recently and is now pending in the state Senate. [...] AFP-NH director Corey Lewandowski said the ad will be up on 'radio stations across the state, including WGIR, WTPL, WEMJ and WASR.'" [Union Leader, 4/6/11]

**The Ads Claimed RGGI Was A "A Money Making Cap And Trade Scheme" That Would "Hike Electric Rates."** According to the Union Leader, "In the ad, a man and woman complain that RGGI will hike electric rates. They label it 'a money making cap and trade scheme.' 'It's time to pull the plug on RGGI,' they say." [Union Leader, 4/6/11]

**In 2012, "The State Legislature In Concord Passed An AFP-Supported Bill Requiring New Hampshire To Withdraw From RGGI If Two Other New England States Pull Out."** According to TIME Magazine, "New Hampshire and eight other states participate in RGGI, a regional agreement under which limits are placed on carbon emissions at power plants and emission allowances are auctioned to utilities. States have used the proceeds from those sales to pay for energy-efficiency programs since 2008. But the program is opposed by conservative groups that believe the threat of climate change is overstated. This summer, the state legislature in Concord passed an AFP-supported bill requiring New Hampshire to withdraw from RGGI if two other New England states pull out." [TIME Magazine, [11/1/12](#)]

**AFP "Helped Make RGGI's Future A Significant Issue In The New Hampshire Governor's Race."** According to TIME Magazine, "AFP has helped make RGGI's future a significant issue in the New Hampshire governor's race. Republican Ovide Lamontagne, crowned 'conservative of the year' by AFP in 2011, promises repeal." [TIME Magazine, [11/1/12](#)]

**ClimateWire: "POLITICS: N.H. Republicans Aim To Divert RGGI Funds With Koch-Backed Bill."** [ClimateWire, 2/23/15]

**After AFP Called For Called For An Outright Withdrawal From The RGGI, The Republican-Controlled House Passed A Bill To Eliminate RGGI Funding For Energy Efficiency Programs.** According to ClimateWire, "New Hampshire lawmakers are considering transferring 100 percent of the state's auction revenue from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative back to ratepayers, as well as eliminating RGGI funding for energy efficiency programs. The state's House passed the measure last week, sending it to the Senate. Both chambers are currently controlled by Republicans. Still, the bill faces long odds, as Democratic Gov. Maggie Hassan's office has indicated she'd likely veto it. [...] The effort is being led by the Koch brothers-funded Americans for Prosperity, which initially called for an outright withdrawal from the regional program. New Hampshire AFP Director Greg Moore said he suggested using 100 percent of auction proceeds for rebates during a committee hearing on the original, broader bill." [ClimateWire, 2/23/15]

- **The Law Remained Unchanged After The House And Senate Could Not Agree On The Use Of The Proceeds From Carbon Tax Sales.** According to the Associated Press, "Efforts hit a dead end during negotiations on changes to how proceeds are used from carbon tax sales under the regional greenhouse gas initiative. New Hampshire uses proceeds from the sale to fund energy efficiency programs and give rebates to ratepayers. House members wanted to send all of the money back to ratepayers, but the Senate wanted to increase the amount sent to

residential energy efficiency programs. Neither side could agree, meaning the current law will remain unchanged.” [Associated Press, 6/19/15]

## ... AND DISCIPLINED NH REPUBLICANS FOR GETTING OUT OF LINE

**Lewandowski Cited The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Debate As An Instance Where The Republican Party Had No Recourse But AFP Could “Educate Voters” And Target Dissenting Lawmakers.** According to the Union Leader, “‘The [Republican] party can't be involved in primaries, and sometimes that hampers its ability to drive policy,’ Lewandowski said, explaining the rising influence of non-profit groups like his that operate independent of political parties. ‘The party's job is to just elect an R. Not a good R, a bad R, just an R. They don't want to go after their own members.’ Especially incumbents. AFP faces no such restrictions. Its members and donors are more interested in getting their preferred policies enacted than simply electing Republicans and hoping for the best in terms of AFP's conservative agenda. Lewandowski cites the debate over the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), the experimental cap-and-trade program many conservatives view as an energy tax doing little to reduce pollution. According to Lewandowski, five Republican state senators are blocking the effort to end New Hampshire's participation in RGGI even though its demise is a plank in the party's platform. From a party perspective, what is the recourse? There is none,’ Lewandowski said. ‘So Senator X is on the wrong side of this issue. As an organization, I can go and educate voters about that issue. The party can't really do that. It's not necessarily about being a Republican, per se, it's about the issue or policy,’ Lewandowski explained.” [Union Leader, 5/6/11]

**AFP-NH Targeted Republican State Senate President Peter Bragdon For His Support Of RGGI.** According to the Union Leader, “Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire began airing a radio ad Tuesday urging lawmakers to repeal the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative the state joined in 2008. [...] The group recently targeted Senate President Peter Bragdon, R-Milford, for his support of RGGI. The group sent a mailer to communities in Bragdon's nearly redrawn Senate district.” [Union Leader, 5/23/12]

- **AFP-NH Mailer: “Senator Peter Bragdon Wants To Keep NH Ratepayers Trapped In This Job- And Economy-Destroying Scheme That Sends NH Jobs To China And India And Other States.”** According to the Union Leader, “Arriving in mailboxes in his newly re-drawn state Senate district are what AFP calls ‘political disconnect notices’ hitting Bragdon's support for keeping New Hampshire in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) program. ‘Senator Peter Bragdon wants to keep NH ratepayers trapped in this job- and economy-destroying scheme that sends NH jobs to China and India and other states that are not part of this job-killing scheme,’ the mailer says. AFP-NH president Corey Lewandowski said he will deliver the tear-off sections of the mailers asking that New Hampshire exit RGGI to Bragdon later in the year.” [Union Leader, 5/17/12]

**When Former Republican State Sen. Gary Lambert Announced His Candidacy For Congress, AFP-NH Noted His Previous RGGI Support And “Said Lambert Should Address The Issue Quickly.”** According to the Union Leader, “With the theme ‘Send the Colonel to Congress,’ 35-year Marine and former state Sen. Gary Lambert of Nashua announced his candidacy for the 2nd District U.S. House seat Wednesday, promising to work to ‘strengthen the middle class’ and ‘start a serious discussion on tax reform.’ At the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Hudson, Lambert, flanked by his wife, Lori, two daughters and mother -- and supported by a group of veterans, friends and fellow Republicans -- said voters ‘are counting on Republicans to keep the focus on jobs and strengthening the middle class, not divisive Washington politics.’ [...] From the political right, the advocacy group Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire cited Lambert's support for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) program as a state senator. AFP-NH Executive Director Greg Moore said that in effect, Lambert backed ‘a cap-and-trade program that would drive up electricity rates and a cap-and-trade program that would drive up the cost of gas and diesel.’ He said Lambert should address the issue quickly.” [Union Leader, 9/5/13]

- **AFP-NH Noted That State Sen. Jim Rubens “Historically Supported Numerous Cap-And-Trade And Climate Tax Strategies, Such As The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative” And Stated That They Were Encouraged By His Reversal.** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “We do appreciate Senator Rubens signing AFP’s No Climate Tax Pledge. [...] AFP-NH noted that Rubens has historically supported numerous cap-and-trade and climate tax strategies, such as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and a carbon tax, which he began his campaign for U.S. Senate promoting. ‘We are encouraged by the fact that Jim Rubens appears to have come to the realization that cap-and-trade and carbon taxes will do severe damage to our economy and hurt consumers,’ added Moore. ‘Independent analysis shows that a carbon tax would amount to the largest tax



increase in American history. The last thing New Hampshire residents need as they continue to struggle to make ends meet in the down economy is a huge new tax. Using the guise of climate change to transfer dollars from hard-working citizens to bureaucratic big government is unacceptable.” [Americans for Prosperity, [6/24/14](#)]

## THE RGGI INITIATIVE PUT NEW HAMPSHIRE AHEAD OF THE CURVE IN MEETING CLEAN POWER PLAN GOALS

**Largest Electricity Provider In NH: “We Are Confident That New Hampshire Is Already Well Positioned To Meet The Standards Laid Out By The Clean Power Plan Through The State's Participation In The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.”** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “Clean Power Plan proposed Monday by President Obama may be a huge change for the nation's energy producers, but its limits on carbon pollution seem unlikely to spur major changes in New Hampshire because our power plants have been changing for years. ‘We are confident that New Hampshire is already well positioned to meet the standards laid out by the Clean Power Plan through the state's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), which the plan upholds as an example for other states to follow,’ said Martin Murray, spokesman for Eversource Energy, which as the state's largest electricity provider is not generally a fan of pollution mandates from the government.” [Nashua Telegraph, [8/4/15](#)]

### **Under RGGI, New Hampshire Was Already On Track To Meet Clean Power Plan Goals For 2030 By 2020.**

According to the Nashua Telegraph, “Clean Power Plan proposed Monday by President Obama may be a huge change for the nation's energy producers, but its limits on carbon pollution seem unlikely to spur major changes in New Hampshire because our power plants have been changing for years. [...] Carbon emission goals are given for each state, but the latest New Hampshire goals are actually slightly less stringent than they were under a proposed version released last year. Those earlier carbon emission goals seemed to be met by standards under RGGI, a pact by 10 Northeastern states that uses the cap-and-trade system to slowly tighten carbon-pollution requirements over time. For example, the final Clean Power Plans' goal for New Hampshire in tons of carbon released by electricity production in the year 2030 is 3.99 million short tons, yet under RGGI the state is on track to meet that goal a decade earlier, by 2020.” [Nashua Telegraph, [8/4/15](#)]

**Pax World Management VP For Sustainable Investing: “This Is What A Planned Transition Looks Like.”** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “Already, more working in solar power than coal mining,’ said Julie Fox Gorte, senior vice president for sustainable investing at Pax World Management, in a press conference overseen by the New Hampshire chapter of the Sierra Club. ‘This is what a planned transition looks like, as compared to the scramble that happens when you're in crisis mode,’ she said. She pointed to RGGI as an example. ‘We had emissions cut without the economic pain that handwringers are sure to promise us.’” [Nashua Telegraph, [8/4/15](#)]

## RGGI REPEAL DID NOT CONSIDER NEW HAMPSHIRE’S INTERESTS ECONOMICALLY OR ENVIRONMENTALLY

**New Hampshire’s Carbon Emissions Fell By More Than Two Million Tons From 2009 To 2013.** According to the Concord Monitor, “Overall, New Hampshire accounts for about 5 percent of total emissions from the nine-state RGGI region. In 2009, the state’s five fossil-fuel-burning facilities emitted approximately 6.3 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, Wright said. In 2013 emissions were approximately 4.2 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. That drop is due to many factors, RGGI in part and also from a boom in natural gas. Plants that burn natural gas release about half the carbon emissions of a coal plant, Fitzgerald said.” [Concord Monitor, [6/3/14](#)]

**RGGI Allowance Auctions Generated \$76.3 Million In Revenue For NH With Projections For An Additional \$198.7 Million From 2015-2020.** According to Acadia Center, “Since 2009, RGGI states cut per-capita GHG pollution 2.7 times faster and their economy grew 2.5 times faster than the rest of the country. To date RGGI allowance auctions have generated \$76.3 million in revenue for NH and projections for 2015-2020 are for an additional \$198.7 million brought into the state. Effective investment of RGGI auction revenue has brought economic benefits to NH; the first two and a half years of RGGI participation resulted in \$17 million in value added to the economy, and 458 job-years of employment.” [Acadia Center, [3/20/15](#)]

- **NH Electricity Prices Declined 2% From 2008 To 2013.** According to Acadia Center, “Effective investment of RGGI auction revenue has brought economic benefits to NH; the first two and a half years of RGGI participation resulted in \$17 million in value added to the economy, and 458 job-years of employment. Electricity prices in the state have declined by 2% from 2008 (pre-RGGI) to 2013, and by 8% across the broader region.” [Acadia Center, [3/20/15](#)]

**DES Environmental Programs Administrator William Fitzgerald: “New Hampshire Is Not An Energy Island. [...] We Would Continue To Pay Into RGGI, But Would Not Benefit From The Revenues Received.** According to the Union Leader, “He and Barry were followed by a long line of speakers arguing against repeal, including the chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, the head of the electric division in the PUC, and the head of the air resources division in the state Department of Environmental Services. They said the impact of RGGI on electric bills, because of the money utilities have to spend on carbon allowances, is around 24 cents per every \$100. About 80 percent of the funds received in New Hampshire from the sale of the allowances goes directly to rate relief, while 20 percent goes to subsidize renewables and conservation efforts. If New Hampshire pulls out of RGGI, the state won't get the income from the sale of the emission allowances, but will still see the impact of those allowances in the regional wholesale electricity market. ‘New Hampshire is not an energy island,’ said William Fitzgerald, environmental programs administrator at DES. ‘States outside of New Hampshire will continue to issue certificates which will be reflected in the wholesale cost of power. We would continue to pay into RGGI, but would not benefit from the revenues received.’” [Union Leader, 1/23/15]

- **Pulling out of RGGI Would Have Cost NH \$10 Million In Revenue In Fiscal 2015 And Possibly Twice As Much The Next Year.** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “The N.H. Public Utilities Commission, as well as the environmental services department, say there is a significant fiscal impact to pulling out of RGGI. Both agencies project the state will lose \$8 million in state restricted revenue in fiscal 2015, as well as an additional \$2 million in local revenue. That restricted revenue projection jumps to \$20.5 million in fiscal 2016, \$25.5 million in fiscal 2017 and, if the bill passes, could have an indeterminable fiscal impact on county and local expenditures. ‘If we get out of RGGI, the impact to New Hampshire will be that we would lose revenues,’ [NH Department of Environmental Services Air Resources Division assistant director William] Fitzgerald said. ‘It would be both economically and environmentally harmful to the state for us to pull out.’” [Nashua Telegraph, [1/25/15](#)]

## Concerned Veterans For America Pushed A Privatization Agenda In New Hampshire Which Veterans Opposed

### CVA PROMOTED KELLY AYOTTE AND SHE PROMOTED CVA’S AGENDA

**CVA Featured Kelly Ayotte As Part Of Its Panel Presentation On Defense Spending.** According to a Concerned Veterans for America press release via PR Newswire, “Featuring Senator Lindsey Graham, South Carolina & Senator Kelly Ayotte, New Hampshire[.] The following event is being announced by Concerned Veterans for America. Who: The Weekly Standard & Concerned Veterans for America[.] What: Panel presentation to consider the future of America's Defense Spending[.]” [Concerned Veterans For America, 12/10/12]

**Senator Kelly Ayotte Touted Concerned Veterans For America’s Support For Her Amendment To “Eliminate Fiscally Irresponsible Weapons Systems, Such As The MEADS Program.”** According to a web post from Senator Kelly Ayotte’s website, “In her ongoing fight to eliminate funding for a wasteful ‘missile to nowhere’ weapons system, U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) has the backing of several government watchdog groups - including the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), the Taxpayers Protection Alliance, and the Cost of Government Center. The leadership of the three organizations sent a letter to Senators last night expressing support for Ayotte's amendment to the catch-all ‘Continuing Resolution’ spending bill that would scrap funding for the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS). [...] A veterans-based advocacy organization, Concerned Veterans for America, has also expressed support for Ayotte's effort to ‘eliminate fiscally irresponsible weapons systems, such as the MEADS program.’” [Senator Ayotte press release, [3/19/13](#)]

**Senator Kelly Ayotte Announced An Amendment Backed By Concerned Veterans For America That Would Repeal The Cost Of Living Allowance Reduction For Military Retirees.** According to a web post from U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte, “With the Senate set to take up legislation to repeal unfair cuts to military retirement benefits, U.S. Senator Kelly

Ayotte (R-NH) announced she will offer an amendment that would pay for a full repeal of the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) reduction for military retirees that was included in December's budget deal - which she voted against. Ayotte voted today to start debate on underlying legislation to repeal the cuts. [...] S. 1977 has been endorsed by the American Legion, American Veterans (AMVETS), Concerned Veterans for America (CVA), the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), the National Guard Association of America (NGAUS), the National Military Family Association (NMFA), the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA), the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association, the U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association, and the U.S. Coast Guard Enlisted Association.” [Senator Kelly Ayotte, [2/10/14](#)]

**CVA-NH Lobbied Senator Ayotte’s Staff To Co-Sponsor The VA Accountability Act.** According to a Facebook post by Concerned Veterans for America – New Hampshire, “CVA NH met with Steve Monier of Sen. Ayotte's staff to respectfully request co-sponsorship of S. 1082 VA Accountability Act of 2015. Thank you Paul Chevalier, Mike Rice, Al Baldasaro, Pam Connel, and Bob White for your continued push for veterans accountability.” [Facebook, [8/24/15](#)]

- **Ayotte Co-Sponsored The Bill Less Than A Month Later.** According to Congress.gov, Sen. Kelly Ayotte co-sponsored on September 22, 2015. [Congress.gov, accessed [11/25/15](#)]

### **CVA Made A Six Figure Ad Buy Against Jeanne Shaheen In 2014**

**CVA Put “A Six-Figure Investment Behind Its ‘Walk The Walk’ Campaign” Targeting “Five Democratic Senators Facing Reelection,” Including Jeanne Shaheen, On The Veterans Affairs Management Accountability Act.**

According to the Washington Post, “A veterans group launched an ad campaign Wednesday aimed at five Democratic senators facing reelection and Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid (D-Nev.) that presses them to support a VA accountability measure. Concerned Veterans for America says it is putting a six-figure investment behind its ‘Walk the Walk’ campaign. Online and TV ads will target Democratic Sens. Mark Pryor (Ark.), Kay Hagan (N.C.), Mary Landrieu (La.), Jeanne Shaheen (N.H.), Mark Warner (Va.) and Reid, the group said. Overall, the effort will span 40 8 states and 40 11 senators and members of Congress over three weeks. As The Post's Matea Gold reported earlier this year, Concerned Veterans For America was part of a network of conservative groups backed in 2012 by a donor network arranged by the billionaire industrialist Koch brothers. ‘President Obama won't hold the VA accountable. Sen. Mark Pryor can. But he's done nothing,’ says the ad targeting Pryor. It concludes: ‘Call Sen. Pryor and tell him to stand up for our veterans.’ The group is urging passage of the ‘The Department of Veterans Affairs Management Accountability Act of 2014,’ which cleared the House last week.” [Washington Post, [5/28/14](#)]

### **CVA Ran Ads Against Rep. Ann McLane Kuster**

**CVA Targeted Three Democrats On The Veterans Affairs Committee, Including Rep. Kuster, With Ads.** According to the Mankato Free Press, “The bill, called the VA Accountability Act, would give higher-ups at the VA the ability to fire or demote an employee whose performance warrants such removal or demotion.” [...] He [Dan Caldwell] said his group has lobbied just about every representative on the bill. It reserved its ad spending, though, for three Democrats on the Veterans Affairs Committee who have been vocal about the need for accountability at the VA, he said. The other two are Reps. Raul Ruiz, of California, and Ann Kuster, of New Hampshire.” [Mankato Free Press, [7/27/15](#)]

### **CVA Pushed Its Agenda And Favored Candidates Through Events In New Hampshire**

**CVA Held A “Reform Summit” On Veterans Healthcare In Manchester Featuring Congressman Frank Guinta.**

According to the Associated Press, “A group called Concerned Veterans for America is holding a ‘reform summit’ in Manchester. The group is planning to discuss policy proposals from its Fixing Veterans Health Care Task Force on Monday at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College. Among the scheduled participants are Republican Congressman Frank Guinta and Executive Councilor Joseph Kenney.” [The Republic, [3/8/15](#)]

- **CVA Legislative And Political Director Dan Caldwell Suggested “Creating A Private Health Insurance Option Through The Veterans Administration.”** According to the New Hampshire Union-Leader, “Dan Caldwell, legislative and political director for Concerned Veterans for America, said one recommendation to help veterans is creating a private health insurance option through the Veterans Administration for those who want it.

Caldwell said the proposed program offered an alternative to the Veterans Choice Card program, which he called a ‘false choice.’” [New Hampshire Union Leader, [3/11/15](#)]

- **One Attendee At The CVA Summit In New Hampshire “Said She Was Disappointed That The Panel Did Not Feature Any Women” And That Men Kept “Getting The Microphone.”** According to the New Hampshire Union-Leader, “Robin Harrell, of Manchester, said she was disappointed that the panel did not feature any women. ‘(Women make up) seven percent of the force of veterans here in New Hampshire,’ Harrell said. ‘I’m raising my hand two or three times, and it’s the men that are getting the microphone. That’s what really makes me angry.’” [New Hampshire Union Leader, [3/11/15](#)]

**CVA Brought Its “Defend Freedom Tour” To 12 States, Including New Hampshire.** According to a press release from Concerned Veterans for America, “Arlington, Va. – Concerned Veterans for America (CVA), a leading national veterans’ advocacy organization, today announced the launch of the 2015 National Defend Freedom Tour including an all-star lineup of prominent speakers, performers and special guests with a mission to deliver a simple message to cities across the country – honor service, defend freedom and take action. The tour is scheduled to visit 23 cities in 12 states beginning April 17th and running through September 11th weekend: New York Ohio Pennsylvania Texas Virginia Florida South Carolina New Hampshire North Carolina” [Concerned Veterans for America, [3/5/15](#)]

**WMUR: Marco Rubio Was The First Speaker In The Concerned Veterans For America’s ‘Veterans And Military Town Hall’ Series.”** According to WMUR, “Florida Sen. Marco Rubio will return to New Hampshire later this month as the first speaker in the Concerned Veterans for America’s new ‘Veterans and Military Town Hall’ series in the Granite State, WMUR.com has learned.” [WMUR, [6/3/15](#)]

**CVA Announced That Sen. Ted Cruz Would Speak At A Town Hall Event In Milford, New Hampshire.** According to an article from the Union Leader, “Concerned Veterans for America announced that Republican presidential hopeful Ted Cruz will speak at its next town hall event in Milford. The hour-long event is scheduled for Aug. 31 at Milford Town Hall. It starts at 9 a.m. The forum is part of the organization’s ‘Defend and Reform’ policy series that focuses on issues facing veterans, active duty personnel and their families.” [Union Leader, [8/11/15](#)]

- **Cruz Used CVA’s Town Hall To Promote Himself As The Only GOP Presidential Candidate Who “Always Opposed ‘Amnesty’ For Illegal Immigrants.”** According to the Washington Times, “Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas touted himself Monday as the only candidate on the GOP presidential debate stage earlier this month who has always opposed ‘amnesty’ for illegal immigrants and as someone who has consistently led on more than just one or two of the major issues facing the country today. ‘I think all of us are frustrated. We’re frustrated with Washington and we’re fed up with politicians who say one thing and do another,’ Mr. Cruz said at a Concerned Veterans for America town hall in New Hampshire.” [Washington Times, [8/31/15](#)]

## **MOST VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE REJECTED PRIVATIZATION PLANS LIKE CVA’S PROPOSAL**

**Bipartisan Vet Voice Foundation Poll: Almost Two-Thirds Of Veterans Opposed Plans To Replace VA Health Care With A Voucher System.** According to Military Times, “Veterans like choice. But they don’t like privatization. That’s the bottom line from a new poll out Tuesday from the Vet Voice Foundation, designed to counter recent proposals that left-leaning advocates say would move Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals to an outsourced, privatization model. The poll of 800 veterans, conducted jointly by a Republican-backed firm and a Democratic-backed one, found that almost two-thirds of survey respondents oppose plans to replace VA health care with a voucher system, an idea backed by some Republican lawmakers and presidential candidates.” [Military Times, [11/15/15](#)]

**VSO Joint Letter: Veterans with Combat-Related Ailments “Cannot Receive The Holistic Specialized Care They Need In The Private Sector And Will Always Require A Robust, Fully Funded VA System.”** According to a joint letter signed by 19 veterans service organizations, “In addition, while developing final legislation designed to expand access to care outside VA, Congress must never lose sight of the continuing need to increase VA’s internal capacity to provide specialized care to veterans who rely heavily or entirely on the VA system, such as catastrophically disabled veterans. Veterans with spinal cord injury or dysfunction, amputation, blindness, PTSD and polytrauma, cannot receive the holistic specialized care they need



in the private sector and will always require a robust, fully funded VA system to provide cutting edge services they deserve. These men and women have also earned the right to rely on a VA system capable of providing all of their primary health care needs as well, which is how the current system was designed and must continue to operate.” [Joint VSO Letter On VA Access Legislation Conference, [6/17/14](#)]

### **Stars And Stripes: Most Veterans Service Organizations “Have Generally Been Cool To Privatization Plans.”**

According to Stars and Stripes, “Most veterans service organizations skipped the [CVA] event and have generally been cool to privatization plans.” [Stars and Stripes, [2/26/15](#)]

### **The VA System “Outperforms The Rest Of The Health Care System By Just About Every Metric.”**

**Washington Post Editorial: The VA System “Outperforms The Rest Of The Health Care System By Just About Every Metric.”** According to an editorial by the Washington Post, “But as was made clear in recent testimony to the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, studies have shown that the VA system, which serves almost 6.5 million veterans annually, as a whole outperforms the rest of the health care system by just about every metric. Surveys also show that veterans give VA hospitals and clinics a higher customer satisfaction than patients give private-sector hospitals.” [Editorial – Washington Post, [5/21/14](#)]

**The VA Had Higher Levels Of Performance Than Private Providers For Seven Out Of Nine Indicators And VA Patients Endorsed Similar Levels Of Satisfaction With VA Care As Did Patients In The Private Sector.** According to a post by Arthur L. Kellermann on the Rand Corporation blog, “In their report, the RAND-Altarum team noted that although the VA has not yet reached the high standards it has set for itself, between 2007 and 2009 quality improved significantly despite substantial growth in the number of veterans served. In fact, the team determined that the VA already has higher levels of performance than private providers for seven out of nine indicators, and VA patients endorse similar levels of satisfaction with VA care as patients in the private sector.” [Rand.org/blog, [8/8/12](#)]

### **New Hampshire’s VA Medical Center and Clinics Serviced Veterans More Than 250,000 Times In FY 2013**

**New Hampshire Had Over 100,000 Veterans And Over 250,000 Patient Visits.** According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, “General Information – New Hampshire (Fiscal year 2013 data)[:] Number of veterans: 110,778[:] VA expenditures in New Hampshire: \$614 million [...] Health Care - New Hampshire[:] Inpatient admissions, statewide, fiscal year 2013: 257[:] Manchester VA Medical Center[:] Outpatient visits, statewide, fiscal year 2013: 251,000” [New Hampshire Fact Sheet – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, [September 2014](#)]

### **The Kochs Say They Don’t Deal In “Social Issues” But They Have Pushed A Far Right Social Agenda New Hampshire Republicans Don’t Support**

#### **THE KOCH NETWORK CLAIMED TO FOCUS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES AND NOT SOCIAL ISSUES**

**Tim Phillips: “They Practice What They Preach [...] The Mission Is Clear, Which Is Promote Economic Freedom [...] Don’t Do Social Issues.”** According to a PBS transcript obtained via a Google cache, “TP: Well, I serve at the behest of the board, uh, you know we’re anon-profit [sic], a C3, and then there’s a C4 component, Art Pope is our C4 who Rachel also mentioned in the interviews, David Koch is our C3 chairman. So I serve at behest of the board, so in the end I would be, um, accountable, to the board, to them, but they don’t, they’re business folks. They practice what they preach, which is to decentralization, delegation, and giving people the opportunity to go out and create and grow, as long as it’s on mission. The mission is clear, which is promote economic freedom, to us that means taxes, regulations, spending, school choice, you know core economic issues, don’t do social issues, don’t do foreign policy, don’t do, um, other things, extraneous items, and as long as I’m within that mission, and having outcomes that are good, then, we kind of run the show.” [Independent Lens – PBS, [4/19/12](#)]

**AFP-NH: The Organization “Focuses On Economic Issues And Does Not Take Positions On Or Score Other Issues, Such As Social Issues.”** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “AFP-NH focuses on

economic issues and does not take positions on or score other issues, such as social issues, 2nd amendment bills or family law matters.” [Americans for Prosperity, archived [12/3/15](#)]

## **THE KOCH NETWORK PUSHED AN ANTI-GAY AGENDA IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

### **AFP-NH Honorary Chairman Used His Father’s Anti-Tax History To Campaign Against Marriage Equality**

**Tom Thomson Endorsed Mitt Romney Citing His Anti-Tax Pledge And Longstanding Marriage: “If We Lose Our Family Values In The United States, The Society Will Break Down,” As “Happened In Rome.”** According to the Valley News, “Orford Republican Tom Thomson, son of the late Gov. Mel Thomson, is backing Mitt Romney, citing the former Massachusetts governor’s willingness to take the anti-tax pledge. ‘Taxpayers, before they go into the booth, they want to look them in the eye, whoever it may be, and (hear the candidate say) ‘I’m not going to raise your taxes, and I’m willing to put my name on it.’” Thomson also noted he and his wife, Sheila, have been married for 41 years, and Mitt and Ann Romney for 38 years. ‘Family values are one of the main issues to me, because if we lose our family values in the United States, the society will break down, and we know the rest of the story. It happened in Rome,’ Thomson said.” [Valley News, 10/11/07]

**Tom Thomson Sent Governor John Lynch A Photo Of The ‘Veto Pen’ Used By His Late Father To Persuade Him To Veto A Marriage Equality Bill.** According to the Valley News, “As for Gov. John Lynch, who still has not decided whether he will sign or veto the marriage equality bill, Shaiko said whatever course the Democrat chooses, he will surely hurt his political capital, which now stands at 54.3 percent favorable, only 9.1 percent unfavorable. ‘He’s got single-digit unfavorables, and that’s got to go away when this decision goes down,’ Shaiko said. Gay marriage opponents are encouraging Lynch to veto the bill, with Orford Republican Tom Thomson even sending the governor a photo of the ‘veto pen’ used by his late father, former Gov. Meldrim Thomson. Here’s betting Lynch will either sign the bill (as he did with civil unions), or let it become law without his signature. If he vetoes it, Lynch may have to prepare for a civil war with fellow state Democrats , many of whom already chafe under his ‘no- broadbased-taxes’ pledge.” [Valley News, 5/14/09]

### **Concerned Women Of America Of New Hampshire Campaigned Against Marriage Equality**

**CWA Of NH Fundraised Against The “Radical Legislature” That Enacted Marriage Equality In New Hampshire.** According to a post on the Concerned Women of America website obtained via the Wayback Machine, “Two years ago a radical legislature decided to take matters into their own hands and redesign one of history’s [sic] oldest institutions – marriage. [...] If you feel as I do that marriage is worth the investment, could you help us with a donation of \$15, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more?” [Concerned Women of America, [1/28/11](#)]

### **CWA Of NH: “The United States Government Has Supported And Encouraged Marriages Through Tax Breaks And Spousal Benefits” Because “Stable Marriages Create Stable Societies That Grow Healthy Economies.”**

According to a post on the Concerned Women of America website obtained via the Wayback Machine, “Governments of all types over the course of human history have recognized the benefits of men and women committed to each other and the children that are created through that relationship. That is why the United States government has supported and encouraged marriages through tax breaks and spousal benefits. These benefits were designed to encourage marriages to remain intact. Why? Stable marriages create stable societies that grow healthy economies.” [Concerned Women of America, [1/28/11](#)]

**CWA Of NH: “Girls Dating Girls Is Becoming Common In High Schools, Primarily Because Girls Are Afraid Of Dating Boys.”** According to a post on the Concerned Women of America website obtained via the Wayback Machine, “Our young adults have become the social experiments of those who want to have marriage fit their idea of human behavior. Girls dating girls is becoming common in high schools, primarily because girls are afraid of dating boys. Our children need us more now than ever to demonstrate the positive and productive side of marriage.” [Concerned Women of America, [1/28/11](#)]

### **More New Hampshire Republicans Supported Marriage Equality Than Opposed**

**Suffolk University Poll: A Plurality Of New Hampshire Republicans Primary Voters, 43 Percent, Favored Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage.** According to National Journal, “While social conservatives dominate other early states in the GOP nominating process, New Hampshire Republicans are divided or even slightly left-leaning on two major social issues,

according to the latest survey from Suffolk University. [...] The same is true on the issue of same-sex marriage. Asked whether they favored legalizing same-sex marriage, 43 percent of the New Hampshire respondents said yes while 39 percent said no.” [National Journal, [3/26/15](#)]

- **Bloomberg/Saint Anselm New Hampshire Poll: 49% Of New Hampshire Republican Primary Voters And Two-Thirds Of Likely General-Election Voters Say Same-Sex Marriage Should Be Legal In Every State.** According to Bloomberg Politics, “Two-thirds of likely general-election voters in the state that holds the nation's first presidential primary, including about half of Republican primary voters, say same-sex marriage should be legal in every state, according to a new Bloomberg Politics/Saint Anselm New Hampshire Poll. [...] Among Republicans, 49 percent said they supported expansion.” [Bloomberg Politics, [5/12/15](#)]

## THE KOCH NETWORK FOUGHT AGAINST REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

### *Concerned Women Of America Lobbied For A Bill To Bar Planned Parenthood From Receiving Any Federal Funding And Fought A Bill Establishing A Buffer Zone Around Clinics Providing Abortion Services*

**CWA Of New Hampshire Participated In A Rally, Organized By Live Action And Susan B. Anthony List, Praising Rep. Guinta For Backing A Budget Proposal To End Title X Funding For Organizations Like Planned Parenthood And Bar Them From Receiving Federal Funding.** According to the Union Leader, “A few blocks away, abortion opponents held a rally outside the office of Republican Congressman Frank Guinta to praise him for backing a federal budget proposal that would end Title X funding for family planning services and bar Planned Parenthood and other organizations that provide abortion services from receiving any federal funding. Federal law already blocks public money from covering abortion services directly. Organized by the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List, the rally featured its own bus, with signs that read, ‘Expose Planned Parenthood’ and ‘Defund Planned Parenthood.’ [...] The crowd numbered around 50 people, and many held signs, including one that said: ‘Planned Parenthood: The Only Holocaust With An Ad Campaign’ Lila Rose, the president of the group Live Action and one of the organizers of the bus tour, faulted Planned Parenthood not only for abortion, but also for facilitating human trafficking, pointing to a hidden camera investigation she led that showed Planned Parenthood employees providing advice to a pimp.” [Union Leader, 3/11/11]

- **CWA Of New Hampshire State Director Elaine Driscoll: "When We Asked Congressman Guinta For His Support Last Month As A Sponsor, He Didn't Hesitate."** According to the Union Leader, “A few blocks away, abortion opponents held a rally outside the office of Republican Congressman Frank Guinta to praise him for backing a federal budget proposal that would end Title X funding for family planning services and bar Planned Parenthood and other organizations that provide abortion services from receiving any federal funding. Federal law already blocks public money from covering abortion services directly. [...] At the pro-life rally, speakers were critical of the House vote, but praised Guinta. ‘When we asked Congressman Guinta for his support last month as a sponsor, he didn't hesitate,’ said Elaine Driscoll, the state director of Concerned Women for America of New Hampshire, told cheering supporters.” [Union Leader, 3/11/11]
- **CWA-NH Applied “The Motto, ‘Live Free Or Die’” To The “First Amendment Right To Protest Outside Of Abortion Clinics” In Opposition To A Bill Establishing A Buffer Zone Around Clinics Providing Abortion Services.** According to a Concerned Women for America of New Hampshire press release, “The New Hampshire House voted on May 15 to establish a 25-foot buffer zone around abortion clinics so pro-life protestors cannot get close to them. The bill singles out American citizens who want to exercise their First Amendment right to protest outside of abortion clinics. No other group is targeted by New Hampshire lawmakers. For a state with the motto, ‘Live Free or Die,’ it is a travesty. Why do abortion providers like Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider, fear their patients hearing the truth about abortion? The fear the truth because it might change a woman’s mind and that would mean a loss of revenue. Please e-mail the 24 Senators and ask them to vote against this bill.” [Concerned Women for America of New Hampshire, 5/21/14]

## Candidates For U.S. Senate Were Asked About Abortion At An AFP Forum

**AFP Hosted A Forum Where The “Issue Of Abortion” Was Brought Up, With Eventual Winner Kelly Ayotte Declaring She Was Pro-Life.** According to the Union Leader, “At a forum hosted by Cornerstone Action and Americans for Prosperity, the three candidates looking to succeed Judd Gregg stressed their desire to shrink the size and power of the federal government. All wanted to repeal the recently approved health care bill, backed a controversial Arizona immigration law and supported the Second Amendment, sharing their stories on when they last used a firearm. [...] On the issue of abortion, Ayotte and Lamontagne said they were pro-life while Bender said it should be up to a woman and her doctor to decide.” [Union Leader, 6/6/10]

## More New Hampshire Republicans Supported Reproductive Freedom Than Opposed

- **Suffolk University Poll: A Plurality Of New Hampshire Republicans Primary Voters, 49 Percent, Described Themselves As “Pro-Choice.”** According to National Journal, “While social conservatives dominate other early states in the GOP nominating process, New Hampshire Republicans are divided or even slightly left-leaning on two major social issues, according to the latest survey from Suffolk University. A slight plurality of the state's 2016 GOP primary voters, 49 percent, describe themselves as ‘pro-choice’ on the issue of abortion, while 41 percent called themselves ‘pro-life.’ On a national level, pro-life Republicans control their party by big margins (69 percent to 27 percent, Gallup found last year ). But the New Hampshire voters who will help pick the party's nominee are further left.” [National Journal, [3/26/15](#)]

## **The Koch’s Criminal Justice Hypocrisy In New Hampshire**

### **THE KOCH BROTHERS GAINED POSITIVE PRESS FROM A PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN BASED ON THE NOTION THAT THEY ARE ADVOCATING FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM...**

**Time: Despite Having The Power To Advance Legislation, “The Kochs Won’t Make Criminal Justice A Political Litmus Test, In The Way That They Have Focused Attention On Issues Like Health-Care Reform Or Environmental Regulations.”** According to Time, “Progress looks possible at the federal level. [...] But so far the legislation has languished. The Kochs have the power to change that. Their clout on the right could help sway more conservatives to support criminal justice efforts. Most of the likely 2016 Republican presidential hopefuls have supported some kind of criminal-justice reforms. Given the Kochs’ commitment to the issue, candidates might be wise to make issues like curbing the prison population a larger campaign theme. Holden says the Kochs won’t make criminal justice a political litmus test, in the way that they have focused attention on issues like health-care reform or environmental regulations.” [Time, [1/29/15](#)]

- **Compared To Spending On Elections, The Money The Kochs Allocated For Justice Reform Was “Modest,” With “No Plans At The Moment” To Increase Financial Support Or Form A New Nonprofit Devoted To The Issue.** According to Time, “Compared to their spending on elections, the money the Kochs are funneling toward justice reform is modest. Their network plans to fork out nearly \$900 million in advance of the 2016 election, according to reports—nearly as much as Barack Obama and Mitt Romney corralled in 2016 to support their campaigns. And Holden says there are no plans at the moment to increase the financial support for justice reform or form a new nonprofit devoted to the issue, although he wouldn’t rule it out.” [Time, [1/29/15](#)]
- **Atlantic: The Koch “Investment In Criminal-Justice Reform Pales In Comparison To The Hundreds Of Millions The Kochs And Their Donor Network Have Spent Electing Republicans, Many Of Whom Don’t Share Their Views On Civil Liberties.”** According to the Atlantic, “After all, the investment in criminal-justice reform pales in comparison to the hundreds of millions the Kochs and their donor network have spent electing Republicans, many of whom don’t share their views on civil liberties, [*Koch Brothers Exposed* Director Robert] Greenwald noted. ‘Certainly the scales tip against the impact of this, except from the press point of view,’ he said of the reform push.” [Atlantic, [3/3/15](#)]



- **The Koch's "More Vocal" Criminal Justice Push Coincided "With A New PR Push To Show Koch Industries In A Friendlier Light."** According to the Atlantic, "But the Kochs' advocacy has become more vocal in recent months, from public statements to new partnerships with such groups as Families Against Mandatory Minimums, the American Civil Liberties Union, and even the liberal Center for American Progress. The bid for more attention for the reform effort has received overwhelmingly positive attention, and coincides with a new PR push to show Koch Industries in a friendlier light, including a 'We Are Koch' national television campaign that casts the company as heartland job creators—prompting the Kochs' critics to suspect a whitewash." [Atlantic, [3/3/15](#)]

### **Koch-Supported Criminal Justice Legislation Would Make It Harder To Prosecute Corporate Polluters And Other White-Collar Criminals**

**Senior Vice President & General Counsel for Koch Industries Mark Holden: "We Favor Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform, Which Includes Criminal Laws With Intent And Knowledge Standards."** According to Koch News, "We favor comprehensive criminal justice reform, which includes criminal laws with intent and knowledge standards. We believe that no one should be deprived of their life, liberty, property, or pursuit of happiness unless the government can prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the person intended to commit the crime at issue. This is a fundamental constitutional principle and the bedrock of a just and fair criminal justice system. We look forward to additional reform measures being introduced by this Committee." [Koch News, [11/17/15](#)]

- **The Koch Brothers "Have Quietly Advocated For Curbing Prosecution Of Corporate Offenses."** According to the Huffington Post, "The public debate over criminal justice reform has focused on reducing severe sentences for nonviolent drug offenses. But some influential conservative voices, including the billionaire Koch brothers and the Heritage Foundation, have quietly advocated for curbing prosecution of corporate offenses as well." [Huffington Post, [11/16/15](#)]

**The Justice Department, Among Others, Voiced Concern That The Legislation Would Make It Harder To Prosecute Corporate Polluters And Other White-Collar Criminals, Which Critics Say Represents An Alternative Motive Behind The Company's Push For Criminal Justice Reform.** According to the Wichita Business Journal, "The Times reported that the Justice Department, among others, has voiced concern that the legislation would make it harder to prosecute corporate polluters and other white-collar criminals, which critics say represents an alternative motive behind the company's push for criminal justice reform. Holden refuted in the article any sort of covert self-interest, and added that if that provision had to be dropped to achieve broader changes, he would support such a move." [Wichita Business Journal, [11/25/15](#)]

### **... AND, IN 2015, POINTED TO THE INCONGRUITY BETWEEN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S LOW CRIME RATE AND HIGH PRISON POPULATION AS A PROBLEM TO WORK ON IN "THE NEXT ELECTION CYCLE"...**

**Headline: "We Cannot 'Live Free Or Die' Without Meaningful Criminal Justice Reform."** [Mark Holden, Devon Chaffee, Christine Leonard - Union Leader, [4/7/15](#)]

**Koch Industries Senior VP Mark Holden: New Hampshire's 22% Prison Population Increase Between 1999 And 2009 Reflected "Disturbing Trends Nationwide."** According to an opinion by Koch Industries general counsel and senior vice president Mark Holden, ACLU-NH executive director Devon Chaffee and Coalition for Public Safety executive director Christine Leonard in the Union Leader, "For nonviolent offenders facing years, decades or even life in prison, 'live free or die' takes on a whole different meaning. New Hampshire has a low and stable crime rate, but its prison population is a different story. Between 1999 and 2009, the prison population increased 22 percent, and annual state spending on corrections doubled to more than \$100 million. This reflects disturbing trends nationwide" [Mark Holden, Devon Chaffee, Christine Leonard - Union Leader, [4/7/15](#)]

**Holden: "As Home To The First-In-The-Nation Primary, New Hampshire Will Play A Critical Role In Shaping The National Debate Over Criminal Justice Reform," Which NH Could Help Make "A Reality" "As We Gear Up For The Next Election Cycle."** According to an opinion by Koch Industries general counsel and senior vice president Mark

Holden, ACLU-NH executive director Devon Chaffee and Coalition for Public Safety executive director Christine Leonard in the Union Leader, “As home to the first-in-the-nation primary, New Hampshire will play a critical role in shaping the national debate over criminal justice reform. Pressing presidential candidates on the issues can help make the dream of a ‘second chance’ a bipartisan reality. New Hampshire is poised to lead on this debate, which is already off to a strong start with unprecedented bipartisan support. [...] It’s imperative that every American join in this effort, and as we gear up for the next election cycle New Hampshire can help make that a reality.” [Mark Holden, Devon Chaffee, Christine Leonard - Union Leader, [4/7/15](#)]

## **... BUT ATTACKED GOV. JOHN LYNCH WITH “SHAMELESS DEMAGOGUERY,” ASSAILING A BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM SIMPLY TO ADVANCE THEIR POLITICAL AGENDA**

**AFP Launched A Weeklong Television Ad Campaign Attacking Gov. John Lynch For Signing A Parole Bill That “Mandates That Nearly All Prisoners Be Released Nine Months Before Their Maximum Sentence While Requiring That They Submit To More Stringent Supervision During That Time.”** According to the Concord Monitor, “The conservative group Americans for Prosperity yesterday launched a weeklong television ad campaign attacking Lynch for signing the parole bill. [...] The law mandates that nearly all prisoners be released nine months before their maximum sentence while requiring that they submit to more stringent supervision during that time, including electronic monitoring and drug- and alcohol-treatment programs. The law was intended to address what some saw as a flaw in the state’s parole system. Under the old regulations, many prisoners released at the end of their maximum sentences could not be required to submit to supervision by the Department of Corrections. Experts in the field say ex-felons who re-offend are most likely to do so shortly after release from prison. But in order to mandate post-release supervision of offenders, the state had to release them before they reached the end of their sentence. Supporters said that scenario is far preferable to keeping offenders in prison until the end of their terms and then releasing them with no supervision or plan for reintegration into their communities.” [Concord Monitor, [10/1/10](#)]

- **AFP Ad: “Why Would John Lynch Sign A Law Giving Sexual Predators And Violent Criminals Early Parole?”** According to the Concord Monitor, “But over the past week, the contest has shifted to a new - and somewhat unexpected - topic: whether a recent change in the state’s parole laws improves or endangers public safety. The change in the campaign conversation, driven largely by criticism from Stephen and his supporters over the past five days, has forced Lynch to play defense on an issue he’s rarely been challenged on. It has also spurred out-of-state groups to deepen their involvement in the race: The conservative group Americans for Prosperity yesterday launched a weeklong television ad campaign attacking Lynch for signing the parole bill. ‘Today, sex offenders are being released into New Hampshire communities,’ the ad states. ‘Why would John Lynch sign a law giving sexual predators and violent criminals early parole?’” [Concord Monitor, [10/1/10](#)]

**Former GOP Speaker Donna Sytek: While Nothing Strikes Fear In A Parent’s Heart Like The Release Of A Child Sex Predator, This Bill Should Not Be Made Into Campaign Fodder Because “There Are Some Issues That Are Truly Nonpartisan, And Public Safety Is One Of Them.”** According to an opinion by former GOP House Speaker Donna Sytek, “Nothing grabs a headline or strikes fear in a parent’s heart like the release of a child sex predator. Recent reports about the implementation of a new parole law have made some people wonder: What were our lawmakers thinking? We are in election season, and it will be tempting for candidates to make this bill fodder for their campaigns. I hope they won’t do so. There are some issues that are truly nonpartisan, and public safety is one of them.” [Donna Sytek - Union Leader, [9/29/10](#)]

- **Sytek: “Nine Months Of Mandatory, Intensive Supervision Makes A Lot More Sense Than No Supervision At All Under The Old Law.”** According to an opinion by former GOP House Speaker Donna Sytek, “Nine months of mandatory, intensive supervision makes a lot more sense than no supervision at all under the old law. SB 500 enhances public safety and, by using programs and policies proven to reduce recidivism, saves the state money. That’s why the bill passed on an overwhelming bipartisan majority vote in the House (256-57) with the support of the House and Senate leadership of both parties, victim advocates, the commissioner of corrections, the attorney general and the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police. The bottom line is that, except for those serving a life sentence, all prisoners are eventually returned to the community. SB 500 ensures that when they are released they have mandatory

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- **NHPR: “Before The Political Season Began, This Law Had The Backing Of Pretty Much Everybody. From Governor Lynch To The Vast Majority Of Republican And Democratic Lawmakers, To The New Hampshire Chiefs Of Police To The Attorney General.”** According to an opinion by former GOP House Speaker Donna Sytek, “The political advocacy group Americans for Prosperity has taken out an ad which will air over the next several days. ‘Today sexual predators are being released into New Hampshire communities. Lynch says New Hampshire is safer. Safer? Why would John Lynch sign a law giving sexual predators and violent criminals early parole?’ Before the political season began, this law had the backing of pretty much everybody. From Governor Lynch to the vast majority of Republican and Democratic lawmakers, to the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police to the Attorney General. The reason it was so popular is because most agree that New Hampshire has a recidivism problem.” [New Hampshire Public Radio, [9/30/10](#)]

**Concord Monitor: Claims Repeated By AFP Were “Shameless Demagoguery”— An Election-Inspired “Campaign Of Fear” By Which The Public “Should Be Insulted, Not Frightened.”** According to an opinion by former GOP House Speaker Donna Sytek, “The public should be insulted, not frightened, by Republican gubernatorial candidate John Stephen's shameless demagoguery. He is waging a campaign of fear in his zeal to unseat Gov. John Lynch that should not be rewarded. Earlier this year Lynch signed into law a parole reform measure that guarantees no state inmate will ever leave prison without at least nine months of state oversight. Stephen, a former assistant attorney general, wants voters to believe this will make the public less safe. The opposite is true, and he knows it. ‘I am appalled that anyone, regardless of party, would think that this is a good idea to let violent criminals out of prison early as Governor Lynch does,’ Stephen told Monitor reporter Dan Barrick. His claims are being repeated in an advertising campaign by Americans for Prosperity, a group created and heavily funded by the ultraconservative billionaire brothers David and Charles Koch.” [Editorial – Concord Monitor, [10/3/10](#)]

- **Concord Monitor: The Reforms Ensured That Every Released Prisoner Would Be Placed Under Intense Supervision During The Time Period In Which Offenses By Released Inmates Most Often Occur.** According to an opinion by former GOP House Speaker Donna Sytek, “The reforms are aimed at improving public safety. That's not just our view; the new law has the backing of the associations representing New Hampshire's police chiefs and troopers, the corrections commissioner and the chief justice of the state Supreme Court. Here's the logic: Before the new law, 16 percent of all inmates ‘maxed out’ by serving their complete sentences. Once they did, they were free to live and go where they like, stop attending AA meetings or counseling sessions, and resume their old ways. [...] The reforms passed by the Legislature and signed by Lynch ensure that every released prisoner is placed under intense supervision for at least nine months, the time period in which offenses by released inmates most often occur. The monitoring can include daily reporting, regular substance abuse testing and counseling. It can involve mental health treatment and a required ankle bracelet that can pinpoint the parolee's location, sense the presence of alcohol and alert authorities immediately if it's removed.” [Editorial – Concord Monitor, [10/3/10](#)]

[To Learn More About The Koch's Self-Interest Promoting Public Relations Campaign, Read The Bridge Project Report “Koch Advocacy For Criminal Justice Reform Is Driven By The Motivation To Protect Their Own Corporate Interests And Profits”](#)

## **ALEC Pushed The Koch Agenda On Energy, Health Care And Taxes Along With Many Other Harmful Policies**

### **KOCH-BACKED ALEC WAS WIDELY INFLUENCIAL IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

#### **The Koch Network Had Influence Within ALEC And Poured A Lot Of Money Into The Organization**

**Koch Industries Chaired ALEC's Corporate Board And Donated "An Untold Amount," With Koch Foundation Giving "At Least \$600,000 In The Past Decade Or So."** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, "Research from CMD and GreenPeace documents that the Koch foundations have given ALEC at least \$600,000 in the past decade or so, and Koch Industries has donated an untold amount. The Kochs also bailed out ALEC with a loan of nearly half a million dollars in the late 1990s. Koch Industries has also chaired ALEC's corporate board and has had a seat on its board for over a decade. Plus, another subsidy unaccounted for by ALEC is the money corporations like Koch have spent on having the head of its lobbying arm involved in ALEC's leadership as well as whatever amount of time the company spends crafting ALEC 'model' legislation." [Center for Media and Democracy, [7/13/11](#)]

- **ALEC's Long-Term Liabilities Included A \$400,000 Loan From The Koch Foundation.** According to ALEC's 1998 Business Plan, "Entering 1998, ALEC's unaudited balance sheet is currently estimated to reflect \$1,727,890 in current assets, including cash of \$1,300,000, and \$1,266,357 in current liabilities, including accounts payable of \$600,000, state scholarships of \$368,546, a line of credit for \$150,000, and the current portion of certain equipment lease obligations totaling \$72,000. The long-term liabilities total \$700,000 and include \$440,000 to the Koch Foundation, \$70,000 to the Tax Education Support Organization, deferred rent liability of \$92,000, and the non-current portion of certain equipment lease obligations, totaling \$72,000." [ALEC, [11/24/97](#)]

#### **Many Members Of The New Hampshire Legislature Were Affiliated With ALEC And Some Even Pledged To Put ALEC's Interests First**

**Sentinel Source: New Hampshire House Speaker William O'Brien Had Close Relations With ALEC.** According to a Sentinel Source editorial, "In a case of insisting on a solution to a problem that does not appear to exist, House Speaker William O'Brien says police in New Hampshire should be empowered to check the immigration status of anyone they stop for whatever reason. [...] In fact, the only thing such a law would be good for would be to improve the already warm and fuzzy relations that O'Brien has with the American Legislative Exchange Council, a right-wing interest group that has flooded the nation with model legislation for all sorts of punitive policies." [Sentinel Source, [6/28/12](#)]

**Members Of ALEC From New Hampshire Include 2nd Congressional District Candidate Marilinda Garcia, Milford Rep. Gary Daniels, Hudson Rep. Jordan Ulery And House Deputy Republican Whip Andrew Renzullo, R-Hudson.** According to the Nashua Telegraph, "Members of ALEC from New Hampshire include 2nd Congressional District candidate Marilinda Garcia, Milford Rep. Gary Daniels, Hudson Rep. Jordan Ulery and House Deputy Republican Whip Andrew Renzullo, R-Hudson." [Nashua Telegraph, [12/8/13](#)]

**New Hampshire Rep. Ken Weyler Was The Public Chair Of ALEC's Tax And Fiscal Policy Task Force.** According to ALEC, New Hampshire Rep. Ken Weyler is the public chair of the tax and fiscal policy task force. [ALEC, Accessed [9/17/15](#)]

**Republican State Senator Gary Daniels And Republican State Representative Jordan Ulery Were The ALEC New Hampshire State Chairs.** According to ALEC, New Hampshire Republican State Senator Gary Daniels and Republican State Representative Jordan Ulery are the ALEC New Hampshire State Chairs. [ALEC, accessed [9/16/15](#)]

**Leaked Documents Show That ALEC Asked State Chairs, Including New Hampshire State Representatives Gary Daniels And Jordan Ulery To Sign A Pledge To Put ALEC's Interests "First."** According to NH Labor News, "New leaked documents show that corporate special interest lobbying group the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) asked state chairs, including New Hampshire State Representatives Gary Daniels (R-Milford) and Jordan Ulery (R-Hudson), to sign a pledge stating: 'I will act with loyalty and put the interests of the organization first.' The pledge for elected officials to



put their affiliation with ALEC over their oath of office was revealed in documents released about ALEC in an investigative report by The Guardian newspaper this week.” [NH Labor News, [12/5/13](#)]

### **ALEC’s Electoral Influence In New Hampshire**

**ALEC Has Supplied Some Of The Dominant Legislative Proposals In New Hampshire That Have “Rolled Back Union Benefits, Toughened Voter-Registration Laws, Eased Environmental Rules And Spun Off Government Services To The Private Sector.”** According to NJ.com, “Experts and watchdog groups say ALEC has supplied some of the dominant legislative proposals in Arizona, Wisconsin, Colorado, Michigan, New Hampshire and Maine, among others. The bills rolled back union benefits, toughened voter-registration laws, eased environmental rules and spun off government services to the private sector.” [NJ.com, [4/1/12](#)]

- **In Many Cases, Lawmakers Acquire Model Bills For Their Legislation From Groups Like ALEC “Which Write Ready-Made Legislation That Favors Corporate Interests.”** According to the Portsmouth Wire accessed via Nexis, “Who’s writing the bills that lawmakers introduce each session? For the most part, it’s the legislators themselves, but in many cases, lawmakers are acquiring model bills from groups like the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), which write ready-made legislation that favors corporate interests. New Hampshire representatives Gary Daniels (R-Milford) and Jordan Ulery (R-Hudson) serve as the chairpersons for ALEC in the state, and a number of other representatives are members are ALEC members.” [Portsmouth Wire accessed via Nexis, 1/8/14]
- **ALEC Model Bills “Word-For-Word” Have Been Rapidly Introduced In State Legislatures, Have A Better Chance Than Most Legislation Of Being Enacted Into Law, And Are Almost Always “Linked To Controversial Social And Economic Issues.”** According to Brookings, “First, ALEC model bills are, word-for-word, introduced in our state legislatures at a non-trivial rate. Second, they have a good chance – better than most legislation – of being enacted into law. Finally, the bills that pass are most often linked to controversial social and economic issues.” [Brookings, [12/6/13](#)]

### ***ALEC Successfully Pushed “Stand Your Ground” In New Hampshire***

**Since 2005 ALEC “Has Successfully Promoted The Adoption Of ‘Stand Your Ground’ Legislation” In “More Than 20 States” Including New Hampshire.** According to the Jackson Advocate, “Since 2005, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) has successfully promoted adoption of ‘stand your ground’ legislation. More than 20 States have passed this legislation using ALEC’s proposed model language, including but not limited to Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Montana, New Hampshire and Utah.” [Jackson Advocate, [7/21/13](#)]

**Concord Monitor Editorial: New Hampshire Approved Its “Stand Your Ground” Law “During A Time When The National Rifle Association And The American Legislative Exchange Council Were Pushing Stand Your Ground Laws Nationwide.”** According to a Concord Monitor Editorial, “New Hampshire approved its law during a time when the National Rifle Association and the American Legislative Exchange Council were pushing Stand Your Ground laws nationwide. This was a red flag for liberals because ALEC promotes legislation favored by conservatives.” [Concord Monitor Editorial, [7/17/13](#)]

**Law Enforcement Officials Expressed Concern About New Hampshire’s “Stand Your Ground” Legislation Pushed By ALEC And The NRA.** According to Valley News accessed via LawOfficer.com, “Law enforcement officials from the Upper Valley yesterday expressed concern about New Hampshire’s ‘Stand Your Ground’ law, which passed last year over Gov. John Lynch’s veto and has garnered new attention because of the Trayvon Martin shooting in Florida. A stand-your-ground law -- which essentially allows people who believe they are threatened by another party to use deadly force to protect themselves, even in public places where they could safely retreat -- first passed in Florida in 2005 and has been pushed nationally by the National Rifle Association and the American Legislative Exchange Council, a free-market group popular with Republican legislators throughout the country.” [Valley News accessed via LawOfficer.com, [3/28/12](#)]

## ***The NH House Passed An Anti-ACA ALEC Model Bill***

**A Constitutional Amendment Modeled After ALEC's Freedom Of Choice In Health Care Act Allowing Voters To Opt Out Of The Federal Healthcare Mandate Passed One Chamber In New Hampshire.** According to ALEC, "The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) congratulates the Florida House of Representatives for passing a proposed constitutional amendment allowing voters to opt out of the federal healthcare mandate required by ObamaCare. [...] ALEC's Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act has been introduced in 35 states in the 2011 legislative session. Statutory measures have been enacted in North Dakota and Tennessee, and a constitutional amendment is on the ballot in Wyoming. Statutory measures or constitutional amendments have also passed one chamber in the following eight states: Alaska, Alabama, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, New Hampshire, Minnesota, and Montana. In 2010, 42 states introduced or announced, seven states enacted statutes and two enacted constitutional amendments." [ALECALEC, [5/5/11](#)]

**New Hampshire's House Passed A Bill Drafted By Republican Rep. Andrew Manuse With The Help Of Cato And ALEC That Would Prohibit Lawmakers From Creating Laws To Enact Exchanges.** According to USA Today, "New Hampshire's House passed a bill by Republican Rep. Andrew Manuse that would prohibit lawmakers from creating laws to enact exchanges. He said Cato and ALEC helped him draft his proposal. 'Not setting up an exchange is the best way we can work toward making the law be amended or repealed,' Manuse said." [USA Today, [5/30/12](#)]

## ***ALEC Wrote Legislation To Repeal The RGGI***

**Conservative Legislators Consulted Koch-Backed ALEC Model Legislation In New Hampshire To Serve Their Corporate Interests And Save Them Millions From Environmental Regulation.** According to Think Progress, "In 2008, New Hampshire joined RGGI [Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative], which is a market-based regulatory program that cuts greenhouse gas emissions and has created 1,130 jobs as a result of the energy efficient benefits. While cleaning the environment, RGGI has cumulatively generated \$28.2 million in revenue for New Hampshire. Koch Industries, because they have manufacturing plants in the Northeast and release 300 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution every year, stand to profit greatly by repealing RGGI. To increase their bottom line, ALEC — a Koch-funded group that drafts model legislation for conservative state legislators — has written legislation to repeal regional climate programs." [Think Progress, [4/6/11](#)]

- **ALEC's Template For 'State Withdrawal From Regional Climate Initiatives,' Popped Up In The 'Findings' Section Of A New Hampshire House Bill Sponsored By State Rep. Richard Barry That Would Repeal The Cap-And-Trade System Established Under The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.** According to Grist, "But thanks to a blog post by a conservative states-rights activist in Florida (and a tidbit in one of ALEC's own press releases), we can make out at least part of what's in ALEC's template for 'State Withdrawal from Regional Climate Initiatives,' one of the offerings on the group's environment webpage. And it looks like the template has been getting a lot of use lately. [...] In New Hampshire, it popped up in the 'findings' section of a House bill that would repeal the cap-and-trade system established under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). The bill's lead sponsor, state Rep. Richard Barry (R), looked a bit like a dog caught with the family cat in its mouth when he was asked to explain the language at a public hearing; he nervously said that none of the bill's sponsors had written this particular section, but stopped short of revealing ALEC as the source of the text. That didn't sit well with Rep. James Garrity (R), chair of the House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee, who later explained, 'Our committee does not feel that editorials belong in laws.' The matter was resolved by dropping the ALEC text, and the amended bill went on to pass the House." [Grist, [3/16/11](#)]

**ALEC Has Fought Hard To "Roll Back Progress On Expanding Renewable Energy," Resulting In The Creation Of Bills In New Hampshire That "Cut Back State Support For Renewable Energy."** According to PR Watch, "ALEC and utility industry groups like the Edison Electric Institute are fighting hard to roll back progress on expanding renewable energy. [...] In Texas, state Sen. Troy Fraser introduced a bill to cut back state support for renewable energy, but the wind industry and its supporters rallied against the legislation and it failed to pass. Similar bills in Colorado, North Carolina, New Hampshire, and New Mexico also failed to pass." [PR Watch, [7/7/15](#)]

**ALEC "Adopted A 'Model' Bill Based On A 2012 New Hampshire Law That Would Limit The Ability Of States To Negotiate Regional 'Low-Carbon Fuel Standards'" Which If Agreed To "Could Have A Significant Impact On The Sale Of Fuels Derived From Canadian Tar Sands."** According to PR Watch, "The American Legislative Exchange Council

(ALEC) recently adopted a ‘model’ bill [Restrictions on Participation in Low-Carbon Fuel Standards Programs] from an oil-industry lobby group, that would limit the ability of states to negotiate regional ‘low-carbon fuel standards’ (LCFS), a mechanism designed to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels. If agreed by states, LCFS could have a significant impact on the sale of fuels derived from Canadian tar sands in the United States, regardless of any decision the Obama administration makes over the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. [...] According to PR Watch, “The ALEC bill is modeled on a 2012 New Hampshire law, designed to limit the ability of the state governor to enter into regional LCFS agreements with other states.” [PR Watch, [6/17/13](#)]

### ***AFP-NH Campaigned Against Taxes With ALEC, Which Supported A Constitutional Amendment Forever Banning A State Income Tax***

**ALEC Supported A Constitutional Amendment In New Hampshire In 2012 That Would Have Banned The State From Ever Putting An Income Tax In Place.** According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, “ALEC and its allies are working to ensure that states that now lack income taxes can never enact them. New Hampshire voters defeated an ALEC-supported constitutional amendment on the 2012 ballot that would have banned the state from ever putting an income tax in place. Tennessee is expected to place a similar measure on its ballot in 2014.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [2/12/13](#)]

**AFP New Hampshire Hosted An Event Headlined By ALEC’s Director Of The Center For State Fiscal Reform And The Tax And Fiscal Policy Task Force, Jonathan William.** According to AFP New Hampshire, “Have you ever wondered why your state’s economy has been failing? Or on the other hand, why your region has been a hub for economic growth and prosperity? On Thursday, September 11, you will have these questions answered by ALEC’s Director of the Center for State Fiscal Reform and the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force, Jonathan William. In a presentation which will explain the recent findings of ALEC’s Rich States, Poor States, 2014 Edition, William will also highlight the various policy areas that have spurred economic success. In addition, you will learn about measures that deter economic growth and increase unemployment.” [AFP New Hampshire, [9/9/14](#)]

### ***Voter ID***

**ALEC Has Introduced Legislative Proposals In New Hampshire That Have “Toughened Voter-Registration Laws.”** According to NJ.com, “Experts and watchdog groups say ALEC has supplied some of the dominant legislative proposals in Arizona, Wisconsin, Colorado, Michigan, New Hampshire and Maine, among others. The bills rolled back union benefits, toughened voter-registration laws, eased environmental rules and spun off government services to the private sector.” [NJ.com, [4/1/12](#)]

**Voter ID Laws In States Like New Hampshire Share A Common Connection To ALEC.** According to Salon, “Before the Republican victory in the 2010 midterms, only two states had rigorous voter ID requirements. By August 2012, 34 state legislatures had considered photo ID laws and 13 had passed them; five more made it past state legislatures only to be vetoed by the Democratic governors of Montana, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina and New Hampshire. By that same summer, a number of states already had the new laws in place: Pennsylvania (where it was estimated that 9.2 percent of registered voters had no photo ID), Alabama, Mississippi (approved by referendum), Rhode Island, New Hampshire (whose state General Court overrode the governor’s veto) and five whose sponsors were all ALEC members — Kansas, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin. [...] What these policies had in common, beside their connection to ALEC, was their negative impact on minorities.” [Salon, [4/14/13](#)]

### ***House Speaker Bill O’Brien Pushed “Arizona-Type” ALEC-Style Immigration Legislation In New Hampshire***

**Sentinel Source: New Hampshire House Speaker And ALEC Member William O’Brien’s Move To Advance “Arizona-Type Legislation” Because NH Is “A Border State, As Is Arizona” Could Only Be Meant To Advance His Relations Within ALEC.** According to a Sentinel Source editorial, “In a case of insisting on a solution to a problem that does not appear to exist, House Speaker William O’Brien says police in New Hampshire should be empowered to check the immigration status of anyone they stop for whatever reason. The imperative from the Mont Vernon Republican came after the U.S. Supreme Court this week upheld one portion of an Arizona law that contains such a provision. O’Brien told the Union

Leader newspaper that New Hampshire especially needs such a law because it's a border state, as is Arizona. He said the high court decision gives the state 'a road map' to Arizona-type legislation here. [...] In fact, the only thing such a law would be good for would be to improve the already warm and fuzzy relations that O'Brien has with the American Legislative Exchange Council, a right-wing interest group that has flooded the nation with model legislation for all sorts of punitive policies." [Sentinel Source, [6/28/12](#)]

### ***An Ag-Gag Bill Based On ALEC Model Legislation Squelched First Amendment Rights In Service To The Agriculture Industry***

**Ag-Gag Laws Introduced In States Like New Hampshire Were Based On ALEC Model Legislation.** According to PR Watch, "2012 saw the introduction of similar bills in six more states. 'Ag gag' became law in Utah, and a modified version was signed into law in Missouri. Nine 'ag gag' bills have been introduced so far in 2013: in New Hampshire, Wyoming, Nebraska, Indiana, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Tennessee, and New Mexico. [...] The ideological ancestor of these bills is a 2002 'model' bill called the 'Animal and Ecological Terrorism Act' (AETA) pushed by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), the corporate bill mill responsible for spreading 2011's spate of 'voter ID' laws and the NRA-drafted 'Stand your Ground' law, as Green is the New Red author Will Potter points out." [PR Watch, [3/13/13](#)]

- ALEC's Model Legislation Was Called "The Animal And Ecological Terrorism Act" And Under The Measure, It Would Be "A Felony To Enter 'An Animal Or Research Facility To Take Pictures" And Those "Convicted Of Making Such Recordings Would Also Be Placed On A Permanent 'Terrorist Registry.'"**

According to Mother Jones, "BACK IN SEPTEMBER 2003, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) released a piece of model legislation it called the Animal and Ecological Terrorism Act. Like so many bills drafted by the free-market think tank, AETA was handed over, ready made, to legislators with the idea that it could be introduced in statehouses across the country with minimal modification. Under the measure, it would become a felony (if damages exceed \$500) to enter 'an animal or research facility to take pictures by photograph, video camera, or other means,' and, in a flush of Patriot Act-era overreaching, those convicted of making such recordings would also be placed on a permanent 'terrorist registry.'" [Mother Jones, [July/August 2013](#)]
- ThinkProgress: "These Proposed Laws Aren't About Personal Property Or Privacy Rights: They're About Consumers' Rights To Know Where Their Food Comes From Versus The Agriculture Industry's Desire To Protect Itself From Negative Press."** According to Think Progress, "In fact, these proposed laws aren't about personal property or privacy rights: they're about consumers' rights to know where their food comes from versus the agriculture industry's desire to protect itself from negative press. Undercover videos have played a key role in exposing cruelty in some of the nation's most well-known agriculture companies, and videos of sows crammed in gestation crates helped garner enough public outcry that McDonald's announced it would phase-out gestation crates from its supply chain. But ag gag laws that require videos and photos to be immediately turned over to law enforcement, instead of delivered to the press, makes it doubtful that the public — the people who are consuming the meat, eggs and milk from these factory farms — will ever see them." [Think Progress, [3/19/13](#)]
- ACLU-NH: The Bill "Would Have Chilled Speech Protected By The First Amendment, Infringed Upon The Constitutional Right Against Self-Incrimination, And Required Every Citizen To Become A Police Informant."** According to the ACLU-NH, "This morning the New Hampshire House of Representatives decided not to move forward with HB 110, a bill that would have chilled speech protected by the First Amendment, infringed upon the constitutional right against self-incrimination, and required every citizen to become a police informant. 'We welcome the decision of the New Hampshire House not to move forward with a bill that would have infringed upon basic constitutional rights' said Devon Chaffee, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union. "HB 110 would have put an unacceptable burden on New Hampshire citizens, requiring them to act as agents of law enforcement.'" [ACLU-NH, [1/22/14](#)]

### **The Union Leader's Editor And A Regular Contributor Had Ties To ALEC**

**The Union Leader Published A Regular Op-Ed By Charles Arlinghaus, The President Of The Josiah Bartlett Institute, A Think Tank With Strong Connections To ALEC.** According to Media Matters, "The Union Leader also publishes a regular op-ed by Charles Arlinghaus, the president of the Josiah Bartlett Institute, a think tank with strong



connections to the American Legislative Exchange Council's conservative model-legislation mill (ALEC). In 2012, Arlinghaus and ALEC representatives co-hosted an event to denounce the Affordable Care Act.” [Media Matters, [6/30/15](#)]

**September 2015: The Union Leader Announced Grant Bosse Would Become Editor Of The Editorial Page.**

According to the Union Leader, “A New Hampshire native whose first job was delivering the Union Leader as a paperboy will be delivering the newspaper's opinions as editor of its editorial pages. Starting next month. [sic] Grant Bosse will take over the post from Andrew Cline, who is leaving the company to start a communications consulting business.” [Union Leader, [9/12/15](#)]

**Bosse Spent Five Years As Editor Of The Josiah Bartlett Center's NH Watchdog.** According to the Union Leader, “Bosse spent five years as editor of NH Watchdog, an independent news site run by the Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy, a free market think tank. Earlier, he worked at the New Hampshire State House for Speakers Donna Sytek and Gene Chandler and was press secretary for Craig Benson's successful 2002 gubernatorial campaign.” [Union Leader, [9/12/15](#)]

- **The Josiah Bartlett Center For Public Policy Was A Member Of The State Policy Network.** According to the State Policy Network website, the Josiah Bartlett Center was an official member of the SPN. [State Policy Network, archived [2/26/15](#)]
  - **State Policy Network Members' Fundraising Included “Major” Koch Money.** According to the Huffington Post, “In 2011, the State Policy Network and its affiliates reported raising a combined \$83.2 million, according to the Center for Media and Democracy. While donors to the groups are not required to be disclosed, a 2010 document opened a window on some of them. They included the Donors Trust and the Donors Capital Fund, both secretive right-wing funding instruments, as well as Altria, AT&T, Comcast, GlaxoSmithKline, Kraft Foods, Microsoft, Reynolds American and Time Warner Cable. Multiple documents reviewed in the report also show that the Koch brothers, known for their extensive funding of conservative activist causes, are major funders of the State Policy Network and its affiliates through their linked foundations and Koch Industries.” [Huffington Post, [11/14/13](#)]

**Bosse Made Light Of His Koch Connections: “I Could Be So Wrapped Up The Kochs' Web That I Don't Even Know It.”** According to the Concord Monitor, “The anti-corporate paranoia that fuels Koch conspiracy theories came into bloom in the Occupy Wall Street Movement. Fortunately for Democrats, OWS fizzled well before Election Day because it highlighted radical liberalism at its worst. The insidious notion that corporations are out to get us has crept into our culture, and it's got to stop. Of course, I could be so wrapped up the Kochs' web that I don't even know it. I asked Charlie Arlinghaus, president of the Josiah Bartlett Center - where I worked for the past four years and where I'm currently helping research New Hampshire budget issues - if he was part of the vast, secret Koch Empire. ‘They don't give us money, but I wish they would,’ Arlinghaus responded.” [Concord Monitor, [3/17/13](#)]

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## 2015 Election: Koch Agenda And Dirty Tricks Rejected In Derry

### DERRY RESIDENTS ACCUSED AFP OF USING OUT-OF-STATE SUPPORTERS TO LOBBY AGAINST EIGHT SPENDING MEASURES

**AFP Provided Call Lists And Technology To A Group Of Derry Residents Supportive Of Budget Cuts.** According to the Union Leader, “In another development, a national political group is backing an effort to help Derry residents who

support the budget cuts in the upcoming election. The group Americans for Prosperity is assisting some residents who want to call other local residents and remind them to vote to organize, Councilor Mark Osborne said Monday. [...] Greg Moore, New Hampshire director of Americans for Prosperity, said Monday that Osborne and several other Derry residents had reached out to him recently concerning the upcoming election. ‘This is an issue that AFP does care about. Obviously reducing taxes — that’s a priority for us,’ Moore said. Moore said the organization will invite some like-minded residents to make calls to their neighbors encouraging them to get out and vote. The group will provide the technology and a list of people who are highly oriented on the issue of taxation.” [Union Leader, [10/5/15](#)]

**An AFP Spokesman Denied Charges From Residents That It Was “Using Callers From Florida To Try To Sway Derry Voters On The Election To Decide On Eight Referendum Petitions.”** According to the Union Leader, “Some residents are complaining that a national political advocacy group is using out-of-state callers to influence an upcoming local election. Speaking during the public forum segment of Tuesday’s town council meeting, the residents said the group Americans for Prosperity is using callers from Florida to try to sway Derry voters on the election to decide on eight referendum petitions on Oct. 13. But even though the calls are coming from out of state, the phone numbers are showing up as local, the residents said. A spokesman for Americans for Prosperity on Wednesday flatly denied the allegations.” [Union Leader, [10/8/15](#)]

**AFP-NH Director Greg Moore: After AFP “Invited Some Derry Residents Who Favor Lower Taxes To Call Other Derry Residents” But Did Not Secure “A Suitable Location” In Derry, The Residents Made Calls To Derry From AFP’s Manchester Office.** According to the Union Leader, “When asked, Greg Moore, New Hampshire director of Americans for Prosperity, said the allegations aren’t true. Moore said what is accurate is that Americans for Prosperity has invited some Derry residents who favor lower taxes to call other Derry residents to help get out the vote. Since a suitable location couldn’t be found in Derry, he said the Derry residents went to Manchester and made calls to Derry from the Americans for Prosperity’s office. The calls were all linked to a cell phone, with the number appearing on residents’ caller IDs. Moore flatly denied that the organization was using out-of-town callers for the campaign.” [Union Leader, [10/8/15](#)]

**Moore: “All Of The Calls Were Made From Manchester, New Hampshire, With A 603 Number” And If Someone Called The Number AFP Used It Would Have Gone To Voicemail.** According to the Union Leader, “Moore flatly denied that the organization was using out-of-town callers for the campaign. ‘That’s not an accurate statement,’ Moore said. ‘The reality was all of the calls were made from Manchester, New Hampshire, with a 603 number.’ He said if someone had called the number the organization uses, it would go straight to voicemail. Moore said callers could have misdialed, adding that he doesn’t know if anyone else is making phone calls regarding the election.” [Union Leader, [10/8/15](#)]

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- **“Moore Said Some Residents Who Favor Overturning The Budget Cuts Seemed To Be Creating A ‘Mythology’ And Making Up Stuff About The Phone Calls.”** According to the Union Leader, “Moore said some residents who favor overturning the budget cuts seem to be creating a ‘mythology’ about the phone calls. ‘It’s par for the course, unfortunately, when some people start to feel a little nervous that they start to make up some stuff,’ Moore said, adding, ‘Within the marketplace of ideas, try to make a case that you think higher taxes are better for the Town of Derry.’” [Union Leader, [10/8/15](#)]

**Republican State Rep. John O’Connor On A Call He Received: “Americans For Prosperity Is A Scam. They Are Using Someone Else’s Phone Number To Call.”** According to the Union Leader, “State Rep. John O’Connor said he had received a call from a number with a 603 area code about the election. The call came from a woman who said she was volunteering and calling from Manchester. After checking his caller ID, O’Connor dialed the number and was connected with an irate man. O’Connor said the man swore at him and said he had received 15 calls from residents relating to being contacted about the election. ‘Americans for Prosperity is a scam. They are using someone else’s phone number to call,’ O’Connor said, adding, ‘What a dirty pool trick this is.’” According to the New Hampshire General Court website, John O’Connor is a Republican. [Union Leader, [10/8/15](#); NH General Court, accessed [12/1/15](#)]

- **Resident: “This Is Wrong To Have People Who Do Not Know What Is Going On Calling And Talking To Other People, Telling Them Which Direction That They Should Be Voting.”** According to the Union Leader, “During the public forum Tuesday, resident Jenna Paradise said she received a call from a caller in Florida who read from a script and urged her to vote ‘no’ on the eight questions to cut taxes. When she asked about the issues relating to the election, the caller didn’t seem to understand some of them. ‘This is masterminded, and this is wrong to have people who do not know what is going on calling and talking to other people, telling them which direction that they should be voting,’ Paradise said. Paradise said it was all right to use local residents to make phone calls on the election but wrong to outsource the calls to an out-of-state group. [...] Other residents made similar allegations on social media.” [Union Leader, [10/8/15](#)]



[AFP-NH – Twitter, [10/13/15](#)]

## VOTERS IN “SOLIDLY REPUBLICAN” DERRY REJECTED AFP’S POSITION ON ALL EIGHT ISSUES

**In The Solidly Republican Town Of Derry, Voters Approved Eight Separate Ballot-Questions Increasing Spending And Taxes To Maintain The Budget, Rejecting AFP’s Position On Each Of The Eight Questions.** According to the Ed Mosca Blog, “The results are in, and Derry voters approved eight separate ballot-questions increasing taxing and spending in Derry. And the Democrats are doing an especially vigorous happy dance because the Koch brothers’ Americans-for-Prosperity was on the losing side [...] What was on the ballot were eight questions as to whether the voter wanted more spending and higher taxes or to maintain the budget. The best conservatives have to offer in terms of a ‘ground game,’ Americans-for-Prosperity was fully engaged. The vote took place in a Town that is solidly Republican. Yet the voters rejected the conservative position on each of the eight questions. [...] Don’t confuse Republican with conservative: Members of Derry’s Republican House delegation were on the opposite side from Americans for Prosperity.” [Ed Mosca Blog, [10/14/15](#)]

## THE \$10 MILLION PRICE TAG THE KOCHS PAID FOR THEIR PUPPET CANDIDATES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

### Kelly Ayotte

#### AFP CREDITS ITSELF WITH HAVING “ELECTED... KELLY AYOTTE TO THE U.S. SENATE”...

#### 84 Koch-Backed Groups Devoted At Least \$85,000 To Support For Kelly Ayotte

**AFP-NH State Coordinator Lewandowski On His Biggest Successes: We Elected “Kelly Ayotte To The U.S. Senate.”** According to the New Hampshire Business Review, “Corey Lewandowski, state director of Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire, says his organization is taking a ‘long-term approach’ in its fight for limited government, lower taxes and more freedom. [...] Q. What do you count as your biggest successes? A. We were very active in helping establish and brand the Tea Party movement here in New Hampshire. We believe in that same spirit of local control. We have recruited and endorsed candidates, and you saw what happened in 2010 - we helped put Republicans back in control of the State House and elected two congressmen (Charlie Bass and Frank Guinta) and Kelly Ayotte to the U.S. Senate.” [New Hampshire Business Review, [8/10/12](#)]

**2009-2016: Ayotte’s Career Contributions From Koch Industries Surpassed \$40,000.** According to Influence Explorer, as of October 14, 2015, Ayotte’s career Koch Industries contributions are listed in the chart below:

Contributor	Contributor Organization	Amount	Date	Target
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$2500	03/28/2014	Kelly Ayotte
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$1000	04/11/2014	Kelly Ayotte
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$5000	11/16/2009	Kelly Ayotte
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$5000	09/27/2010	Kelly Ayotte
Koch, David H	Koch Industries	\$2400	11/02/2010	Kelly Ayotte
Koch, Elizabeth B	Koch Industries	\$2400	10/29/2010	Kelly Ayotte
Koch, Julia F	Koch Industries	\$2400	10/29/2010	Kelly Ayotte
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$5000	09/26/2014	Kelly PAC
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$5000	09/09/2014	Kelly PAC
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$2500	06/27/2013	Kelly PAC
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$2500	06/01/2013	Kelly PAC
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$1500	11/11/2013	Kelly PAC
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$1500	10/31/2013	Kelly PAC
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$1000	09/26/2013	Kelly PAC
Koch Industries	Koch Industries	\$1000	09/21/2013	Kelly PAC

[Influence Explorer, Accessed 10/14/15; FEC Accessed 10/14/15]

- **The National Federation Of Independent Business Contributed \$5,250 To Republican Senator Kelly Ayotte In The 2010 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, The National Federation of Independent Business contributed \$5,250 to Republican Senator Kelly Ayotte in the 2010 Cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [9/4/15](#)]
- **American Future Fund “Launched An Advertising Blitz” On Behalf Of Sen. Kelly Ayotte.** According to the Huffington Post, “After pro-gun control groups ran ads blasting Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) for opposing background check legislation, the American Future Fund launched an advertising blitz on her behalf. Prior to and during the ad



campaign, the nonprofit received \$125,000 from the leadership PACs of Ayotte's Senate Republican colleagues." [Huffington Post, [9/12/14](#)]

## ... AND QUICKLY RALLIED TO PROTECT HER SEAT HEADING INTO 2016.

**August 2015: Fifteen Months Before The Election, AFP Had Already Spent \$1.2 Million In New Hampshire To Keep Kelly Ayotte In The U.S. Senate.** According to The Hill, "The Senate Majority PAC's first television ad of the 2016 cycle will target Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.). The super-PAC, which is run by allies of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), will begin running ads Wednesday in New Hampshire seeking to tie Ayotte to billionaire conservative activists Charles and David Koch. A source who tracks TV political advertising told The Hill the ad buy is for \$250,000. 'Fifteen months before the election, yet the out-of-state oil billionaire Koch brothers have already spent \$1.2 million here in New Hampshire to keep Kelly Ayotte in the U.S. Senate,' the narrator in the ad states." [The Hill, [8/12/15](#)]

- **Ayotte Was Among Eight 2016 Senate Candidates Using i360.** According to Yahoo News, "This cycle the group says eight Senate campaigns are using its programs, including those of two of the most vulnerable Republican Senators up for reelection in 2016: Rob Portman (Ohio) and Kelly Ayotte (N.H.). It's not clear, however, how many of those campaigns used i360 for most or all of their voter contact. Among the GOP presidential primary candidates, Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) and Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) are using i360 data services exclusively." [Yahoo News, [6/11/15](#)]

## *AFP Spent Over A Million Dollars In An Attempt To Stop Maggie Hassan From Running Against Kelly Ayotte*

**AFP Made A "Big Buy" Of Over A Million Dollars Targeting Gov. Hassan.** According to WMUR, "AFP'S BIG AD BUY HITS HASSAN. The conservative issues group Americans for Prosperity is about to hit the TV airwaves in New Hampshire with a nearly \$800,000 buy on WMUR and nearly \$352,000 on statewide cable, according to a Republican source who tracks political advertising buys." [WMUR, [8/6/15](#)]

- **AFP's Ad Claimed Hassan Was "Denying Small Business The Tax Relief They Need."** According to WMUR, "The targets: Gov. Maggie Hassan and her veto of the budget [*sic*] passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature. With video of a New Hampshire community and several people working, a narrator says: 'New Hampshire deserves a healthy economy. But Gov. Hassan is denying small business the tax relief they need. She vetoed lower taxes that could help our communities grow.'" [WMUR, [8/6/15](#)]
- **AFP Claimed Hassan's Plan Increased Taxes And Fees By \$100 Million.** According to WMUR, "The targets: Gov. Maggie Hassan and her veto of the budget [*sic*] passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature. With video of a New Hampshire community and several people working, a narrator says: [...] 'Instead, her plan raises taxes on small businesses. And increases taxes and fees by \$100 million, squeezing hardworking families.' AFP says the reference to the tax increase on small businesses is based on Hassan's plan to give the state more power to audit what business owners are claiming as compensation rather than profit to avoid taxes. She has reportedly predicted that the additional auditing will raise \$20 million over two years." [WMUR, [8/6/15](#)]

**Politico: AFP's Buy Was Part Of "A Staggering \$2.5 Million Blasting Hassan" From Five Republican Outside Groups In "An Attempt To Damage Her Standing And Potentially Even Scare Her Away From What Would Be One Of The Nation's Premier Senate Races."** According to Politico, "Gov. Maggie Hassan isn't a Senate candidate yet, and it's not at all certain she ever will be. But New Hampshire television viewers may have a different impression. Five Republican outside groups have already dropped a staggering \$2.5 million blasting Hassan, an attempt to damage her standing and potentially even scare her away from what would be one of the nation's premier Senate races. On the other side in the Granite State, just one Democratic outside group has put significant resources targeting GOP Sen. Kelly Ayotte — to the tune of a meager \$255,000." [Politico, [8/24/15](#)]

## *Ayotte Faced Pushback For Her Association With The Koch Brothers And Support For Their Policies*

### **Senate Majority Back Countered The Early Ad Buy, Pointing To Her Support For Tax Breaks For Oil Companies.**

According to Roll Call, “On Wednesday, the Democrat-supporting Senate Majority PAC released a new television commercial that seeks to combat ads released last month by Americans for Prosperity. A source that tracks campaign ads said the group spent \$250,000 on its buy. ‘Fifteen months before the election, yet the out-of-state, oil billionaire Koch brothers have already spent \$1.2 million in New Hampshire to keep Kelly Ayotte in the U.S. Senate,’ says the ad, taking aim of her support for tax breaks for oil companies. ‘With the Koch Brothers and Kelly Ayotte busy helping each other, who’s helping New Hampshire families get ahead?’ While Hassan has yet to announce her candidacy, a poll released earlier this month by Public Policy Polling, a Democratic-leaning firm, showed Hassan with a slim lead over Ayotte, a freshman senator, and a larger one among women voters.” [Roll Call, [8/12/15](#)]

## **AYOTTE HAS CONSISTENTLY CARRIED OUT THE KOCH’S POLICY DEMANDS...**

**Ayotte Had A Lifetime Score Of 88% From Americans For Prosperity.** [AFPScorecard.org, Accessed [10/21/15](#)]

- **2015 - 2016: Ayotte Had A 86% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 114th Congress.** [AFPScorecard.org, Accessed [10/21/15](#)]
- **2013 - 2014: Ayotte Had A 90% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 113th Congress.** [AFPScorecard.org, Accessed [10/21/15](#)]
- **2011 - 2012: Ayotte Had A 89% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 112th Congress.** [AFPScorecard.org, Accessed [10/21/15](#)]
- **Union Leader: It Was No Surprise Kelly Ayotte And Frank Guinta Ranked Highest Among New Hampshire Members On AFP’s Scorecard.** According to the Union Leader, “The conservative advocacy group Americans for Prosperity has issued its congressional scorecard for the 112th Congress, basing grades on a long list of tax and spending issues. The group’s grading of last year’s New Hampshire delegation contained no surprises. Shaheen received a ‘D-,’ while Sen. Kelly Ayotte and former Rep. Frank Guinta received ‘B’s’ and former Rep. Charlie Bass received a ‘C.’” [Union Leader, [2/22/13](#)]

**Sen. Ayotte Signed Americans For Prosperity’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.”** The New Hampshire chapter of the free market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP-NH) today applauded U.S. Senate candidate Kelly Ayotte for signing the group’s ‘No Climate Tax Pledge.’ Ayotte joins nearly 525 bipartisan lawmakers and candidates on the federal, state and local levels pledging to ‘oppose legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in government revenue.’” [Americans for Prosperity, [6/8/10](#)]

**AFP-NH State Director Greg Moore: Ayotte Opposed A Gas Tax Increase, EPA Carbon Emission Regulations, And Cap-And-Trade Proposals, Supported Keystone Pipeline Construction.** According to the Union Leader, “Moore said Ayotte opposes a gas tax increase, EPA regulations designed to control carbon emissions and previous cap-and-trade proposals. And she supports Keystone.” [Union Leader, 1/23/15]

**Moore On Ayotte’s Support Of A Resolution Declaring Climate Change Was Real And Human Activity Significantly Contributed To It: “Our Focus Is On Actual Policies.”** According to the Union Leader, “U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte bucked most of her Republican colleagues on Wednesday and supported a Democratic-authored resolution that declares that climate change is real and ‘human activity significantly contributes’ to it. Only four other Republican senators voted with Ayotte, and no Democrats opposed the resolution, which failed because it did not receive the 60 votes necessary for adoption. The vote puts Ayotte at odds with several Republicans widely expected to be running for president, including Rand Paul of Kentucky, Ted Cruz of Texas and Marco Rubio of Florida. For years Ayotte has been quoted saying that humans likely have an effect on climate change, but rarely has such a vote been cast to declare such a position. [...] Sen. Ayotte has been a consistent supporter of that,’ said Greg Moore, state director of Americans for Prosperity, which is associated with the Koch brothers. ‘Our focus is on actual policies,’ he said.” [Union Leader, 1/23/15]

**A Week After AFP-NH Demanded State Enrollment Numbers On The Federal Health Insurance Exchange, Ayotte “Issued A Similar Demand.”** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., demanded Monday that Obama administration officials disclose how many from the state have signed up for health insurance on the federal exchange under the Affordable Care Act. Ayotte released a terse letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius hours after President Barack Obama said he was ‘frustrated’ by the delays Americans were having enrolling in the so-called marketplace under the Affordable Care Act. [...] Greg Moore, state director of the conservative interest group, Americans for Prosperity, praised Ayotte's initiative. AFP-NH issued a similar demand for New Hampshire-specific information late last week.” [Nashua Telegraph, [10/22/13](#)]

**AFP “Applauded Ayotte For Standing On Principle” By Vowing To Vote Against A Budget Agreement.** According to the Nashua Telegraph, “Whether accurate or not, New Hampshire Democrats believe Ayotte stepped in it by vowing to vote against the new budget agreement earlier this month. [...] Ayotte said the deal didn't go far enough on the deficit and debt, and she also was critical of the significant cuts in benefits for military retirees. Conservative groups such as Americans for Prosperity, the Club for Growth and the Cato Institute applauded Ayotte for standing on principle.” [Nashua Telegraph, [12/29/13](#)]

**Ayotte Spoke At The “Freedom Summit” Organized By AFP And Citizens United.** According to the Washington Times, “The timing is impeccable: A dozen famed conservatives with liberty, tradition and smaller government on their minds gather a mere 72 hours before Tax Day dawns. That would be the Freedom Summit on Saturday, a daylong showcase organized by Americans for Prosperity and Citizens United, staged in Manchester, the most bustling town in New Hampshire. The free grass-roots event has drawn live coverage on C-SPAN and the intense interest of Fox News, CNN, NBC and multiple national news organizations. And no wonder. The starring line-up includes Republicans Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky, Ted Cruz of Texas, Mike Lee of Arizona and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, plus Mike Huckabee, Newt Gingrich, Donald Trump, Laura Ingraham and Reps. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee, Louis Gohmert of Texas and Steve King of Iowa.” [Washington Times, [4/11/14](#)]

**Ayotte Co-Chaired AFP’s “New Hampshire Presidential Summit On Spending And Job Creation.”** According to the Union Leader accessed via Politico, “The Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire dinner and presidential summit at the Executive Court has attracted a host committee of many of the state’s top Republicans. The event will honor Manchester attorney Ovide Lamontagne, whose run for the GOP U.S. Senate nomination last year put him in high favor with conservatives/Tea Party activists not only locally, but nationally as well. As we’ve reported, AFP-New Hampshire will honor Lamontagne as ‘Conservative of the Year.’ And, as we’ve reported, AFP is planning to complement the dinner with ‘A New Hampshire Presidential Summit on Spending and Job Creation.’ [...] As noted, the host committee is impressive. And if all appear, as Lewandowski expects, it would be worthwhile for any serious GOP presidential contender to stop by. Dinner chairman is Harold Turner Jr., president and CEO of the H.L. Turner Group and former chairman of the Business and Industry Association board; he was a Lamontagne campaign finance committee co-chairman last year. Honorary co-chairmen are Sen. Kelly Ayotte (really!) and Reps. Frank Guinta and Charlie Bass as well as former state GOP chairman Gov. John H. Sununu and former Sen. Gordon Humphrey.” [Union Leader accessed via Politico, [12/17/11](#)]

**Ayotte Spoke At AFP’s Third Annual Tax Day Rally.** According to the Union Leader, “Tax haters will gather at the State House Plaza on Friday for a noontime rally of their own. It’s the third such event in three years. Organized by the state’s Americans for Prosperity organization (AFP), it will feature likely Republican presidential candidates; U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte; and several state and local politicians, including Ovide Lamontagne, Speaker O’Brien and past gubernatorial candidate John Stephen. Presidential hopefuls will lead off the event, which could run more than 90 minutes. Present will be Rick Santorum, Gov. Tim Pawlenty, businessman Herman Cain and former Louisiana Gov. Buddy Romer.” [Union Leader, [4/19/11](#)]

**Ayotte Co-Sponsored AFP-Supported Legislation “To Abolish The Destructive Federal Death Tax.”** According to a press release by the office of Sen. John Thune, “U.S. Senator John Thune (R-S.D.) today introduced the Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act to abolish the destructive federal death tax. Representative Kevin Brady (R-Texas) introduced identical legislation in the House of Representatives and the bill currently has over 200 bipartisan cosponsors. [...] According to a recent study by Douglas Holtz-Eakin, the former director of the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, repealing the death tax would create 1.5 million additional small business jobs and would decrease the national unemployment rate by nearly one percent. Cosponsors of the legislation include: Senators Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) [...]. Senator Thune’s legislation is supported by a wide variety of organizations, including [...] Americans for Prosperity[.]” [Sen. John Thune Press Release, [3/28/12](#)]

## ... AND IS HIGHLY DECORATED IN KOCH WORLD.

**AFP-NH Honored Sen. Ayotte As 2012's Conservative Of The Year.** According to the Union Leader, "The conservative issues group Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire is looking to duplicate the successful 'Conservative of the Year' banquet it held last April, honoring current candidate for governor Ovide Lamontagne. [...] This year's event, set for April 20 at the Grappone Center in Concord, will honor U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, who narrowly defeated Lamontagne in the 2010 September primary and has emerged as a key player, especially among freshmen Republicans, in the Senate." [Union Leader, [2/29/12](#)]

- **Lewandowski: "It's Very Hard For People To Question Kelly Ayotte's Conservative Credentials."** According to the Union Leader, "The conservative issues group Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire is looking to duplicate the successful 'Conservative of the Year' banquet it held last April, honoring current candidate for governor Ovide Lamontagne. [...] This year's event, set for April 20 at the Grappone Center in Concord, will honor U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, who narrowly defeated Lamontagne in the 2010 September primary and has emerged as a key player, especially among freshmen Republicans, in the Senate. 'It's very hard for people to question Kelly Ayotte's conservative credentials,' AFP-NH president Corey Lewandowski told the Granite Status. 'She has been a great leader in the Senate and a great asset to New Hampshire. This is a chance to recognize all of her work.'" [Union Leader, [2/29/12](#)]

### **Koch Industries Was A Top 15 Contributor To Sen. Ayotte With More Than \$24k In Campaign Contributions.**

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Koch Industries was the 15<sup>th</sup> largest donor to Sen. Ayotte, contributing \$24,100 over her federal career. [Center for Responsive Politics, archived [10/25/15](#)]

- **David Koch Personally Gave \$2,400 To Friends Of Kelly Ayotte.** According to the Friends of Kelly Ayotte 30 day post-election report to the Federal Election Commission for the 2010 general election, David Koch contributed \$2,400 to Friends of Kelly Ayotte. [Federal Election Commission, archived [11/3/15](#)]
- **David And Julia Koch Contributed \$4,800 To Republican Senator Kelly Ayotte In The 2010 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Julia Koch contributed \$4,800 to Republican Senator Kelly Ayotte in the 2010 Cycle. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [11/3/15](#)]

**AFP-NH Honorary Chair Tom Thomson Flew To D.C. To Attend Ayotte's Swearing In, Planned To Present Her With An Anti-Tax Banner.** According to the Valley News, "Orford Republican Tom Thomson and his wife, Sheila, flew to Washington to attend the swearings-in of the three GOP lawmakers from New Hampshire. 'It's a historical moment for me, with as many people who are coming to Congress, and also the Senate,' said Tom Thomson, an active Tea Partier and honorary state chairman of Americans for Prosperity. During the campaign, Tom Thomson wielded an oversized ax that once belonged to his late father, former Gov. Meldrim 'Ax the Tax' Thomson, as a prop. But he flew to Washington with a tie clip, whittled out of wood, in the shape of an ax. 'I figure I can get through security with that, not the oversized ax,' Thomson said. He also planned to present Bass and new Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R- N.H., with banners reading, 'Lower taxes are the result of low spending.'" [Valley News, 1/6/11]

- **David Koch Hosted A \$10,000-A-Plate Fundraiser In Manhattan To Benefit Several GOP Senators Including Kelly Ayotte.** According to the CT Mirror, "Billionaire industrialist David Koch is hosting a high-dollar fundraiser Monday evening for August Wolf, a Republican running against Democratic U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal. The \$10,000- a-plate fundraiser in Manhattan will also benefit several GOP senators, Roy Blunt of Missouri, Kelly Ayotte [sic] of New Hampshire and Jerry Moran of Kansas. The event will feature former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton and Rep. Ken Buck, R-Col., as 'special guests.'" [CT Mirror, [10/19/15](#)]



## 2014 Senate Race

### JEANNE SHAHEEN

#### Koch-Backed Groups Devoted At Least \$4 Million To Defeating Jeanne Shaheen

#### **Jeanne Shaheen Became New Hampshire's First Female Senator After Defeating Republican Sen. John Sununu.**

According to the Associated Press, "Shaheen, the first woman elected governor of New Hampshire, became the state's first female senator Tuesday by defeating Republican Sen. John Sununu." [Associated Press, [11/4/08](#)]

- **2006: 60 Plus Gave Its "Highest Honor," The "Guardian of Seniors' Rights' Award," To Sen. John Sununu: "Seniors Have No Finer Friend In Congress."** According to the office of Sen. John E. Sununu via US Fed News, "The office of Sen. John E. Sununu, R-N.H., issued the following press release: Sen. John Sununu (R-NH) recently received the 60 Plus Association's 'Guardian of Seniors' Rights' award - the group's highest honor. The national non-partisan organization honored members of the Senate and House who have worked to advance issues of importance to America's seniors during the 109th Congress. 'Senior citizens know they can depend on Senator John Sununu to always protect their monthly Social Security benefits. Senator Sununu can also be counted on to work hard to lower the costs of their Medicare benefits,' said Jim Martin, President of the 60 Plus Association. 'Seniors have no finer friend in Congress than Senator Sununu.'" [Sen. Sununu office, 6/16/06]

**Jeanne Shaheen Was The Only Governor Elected Without Taking The Pledge In Its 40+ Year History.** According to an opinion by Tom Thomson in the Union Leader, "From the early 1970's to today every governor, both Democrat and Republican, has been elected only after taking the Pledge -- the only exception was Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, who refused to take the Pledge when she ran for her third term and was re-elected." [Tom Thomson - Union Leader, 2/29/08]

**Americans For Prosperity Spent At Least \$2.6 Million On TV Ads Attacking Sen. Jeanne Shaheen.** According to NHPR, "Since then, AFP has spent more than \$2.6 million attacking Shaheen on the airwaves, according to news accounts of the group's ad buys in New Hampshire television markets." [NHPR, [9/8/14](#)]

- **AFP Reported An Additional \$55,000 In Spending Against Jeanne Shaheen In 2014.** According to the Federal Election Commission's Independent Expenditure Database, AFP's 2014 independent expenditures against Ann Kuster included \$225.17 in staff salary and \$57,049.60 web ad creation, production and placement for its "Fire Shaheen" ad. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**Concerned Veterans For America Purchased Six Figure Ad Buy Claiming Sen. Jeanne Shaheen "Refused To Meet With Veterans" On VA Reform.** According to Politico, "Ad targets Shaheen on VA reform: Concerned Veterans for America is on the air with an ad, supported by a six-figure buy, that seeks to undercut claims by New Hampshire Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen that she was involved in reforms of the VA. 'Shaheen refused to meet with veterans who pushed for reform,' a narrator says. 'When our veterans needed her, Jeanne Shaheen was AWOL.'" [Politico, [10/21/14](#)]

**The NRA Reported Over \$335,000 In Spending Opposing Jeanne Shaheen.** According to its 2014 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Freedom Partners provided a cash grant of \$4,895,000 for "general support" to the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action. According to the Federal Election Commission's Independent Expenditure Database, the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action spent a total of \$ 335,117.06 to oppose Jeanne Shaheen. [2014 Form 990, Freedom Partners, archived [11/23/15](#); Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Reported Over A Million Dollars Spent To Oppose Jeanne Shaheen.** According to its 2014 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Freedom Partners provided a cash grant of two million dollars for "general support" to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. According to the Federal Election Commission's Independent Expenditure Database, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce spent a total of \$ 1,100,627.73 to oppose Jeanne Shaheen. [2014 Form 990, Freedom Partners, archived [11/23/15](#); Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

## SCOTT BROWN

### **Brown Personally Thanked David Koch For Making A Difference In Sending Him To The Senate And Welcomed His Future Support**

**Scott Brown To David Koch In 2011: “Your Support During The Election, It Meant A Ton. It Made A Difference And I Can Certainly Use It Again.”** According to the Huffington Post, “After taking over the office of the late progressive hero Ted Kennedy in a 2010 Bay State special election, Brown now appears to be attempting to tap into an arsenal of conservative cash by mingling with billionaire donor David Koch -- and lobbying him for contributions. In a video captured by ThinkProgress, Brown is seen speaking with oil magnate and Tea Party benefactor David Koch at the recent dedication of MIT's David H. Koch Integrative Cancer Institute. ‘Your support during the election, it meant a ton. It made a difference and I can certainly use it again,’ Brown can be heard telling Koch.” [Huffington Post, [3/7/11](#)]

### **Brown Refused To Renew His 2012 “People’s Pledge” And AFP Helped Lay The Groundwork For His 2014 Campaign With A Deluge Of Ads**

**Jeanne Shaheen Asked Brown To Sign A Version Of His 2012 “People’s Pledge” With Elizabeth Warren Which Was “Credited With Preventing The Crush Of Negative Advertising In The 2012 Massachusetts Race That Flooded Airwaves In Races In Other States.”** According to CBS, “In a letter sent Saturday, less than 24 hours after the former U.S. senator from Massachusetts entered the race, Shaheen said she ‘very much admired the People’s Pledge’ that Brown signed with Sen. Elizabeth Warren in 2012. Brown lost his Senate seat to Warren. ‘I believe it limited the influence of outside groups and allowed the people’s voices to be heard,’ Shaheen wrote. She asked Brown to make a similar pledge this year to give New Hampshire voters ‘the assurance that their voices will not be drowned out by third-party expenditures.’ [...] The deal would require both candidates to donate half the cost of any outside group advertising campaign to a charity of the opposing candidate’s choosing. The deal was credited with preventing the crush of negative advertising in the 2012 Massachusetts race that flooded airwaves in races in other states. Shaheen included a signed copy of the pledge in her letter to Brown and asked him to sign and return it as soon as possible.” [CBS, [3/15/14](#)]

**Brown Called Shaheen’s Proposal “Self-Serving” As National Outside Groups Geared Up To Send A River Of Money Into The New Hampshire Senate Contest.** According to CBS, “Brown would not comment on whether he would agree to a pledge but said Saturday that Shaheen is on a multiple-city West Coast fundraising swing that he says will provide money to third-party groups for more outside negative ads against him. ‘It’s hard to view Jeanne Shaheen’s actions as anything other than hypocritical and self-serving,’ Brown said. ‘The people of New Hampshire can see through the Washington-style game she is playing.’ The challenge comes as national outside groups gear up to send a river of money into a New Hampshire Senate contest that could be the most expensive in state history.” [CBS, [3/15/14](#)]

**AFP’s “Hard-Hitting, 30-Second Spots Were Among The First In A Wave To Attack Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Helping Lay The Groundwork For Former Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown To Challenge The Democratic Incumbent.”** According to the Boston Globe, “On New Year’s Eve, station managers at WMUR-TV in Manchester, N.H., received a request from a media buyer in northern Virginia: Americans for Prosperity, a nonprofit backed by the billionaires David and Charles Koch, wanted to buy some ads. Lots of ads. During the next week, nearly \$120,000 worth of ads aired during commercial breaks of shows like ‘Ellen,’ ‘The Bachelor,’ and ‘Modern Family.’ The hard-hitting, 30-second spots were among the first in a wave to attack Senator Jeanne Shaheen, helping lay the groundwork for former Massachusetts senator Scott Brown to challenge the Democratic incumbent. ‘Tell Senator Shaheen it’s time to be honest,’ the ad said. ‘ObamaCare doesn’t work.’” [Boston Globe, [3/24/14](#)]

### **Koch-Backed Groups Devoted At Least \$5 Million To Supporting Scott Brown In 2014**

**The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Reported Over Three Million Dollars Spent In Support Of Scott Brown.** According to its 2014 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Freedom Partners provided a cash grant of two million dollars for “general support” to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce spent a total of \$3,087,417.65 in support of Scott Brown. [2014 Form 990, Freedom Partners, archived [11/23/15](#); Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**Freedom Partners Spent \$1.8 Million On Ad Buys For Scott Brown.** According to the Washington Post, “New Hampshire: Freedom Partners isn’t giving up on former Sen. Scott Brown (R). The group will spend about \$1.8 million on 20 Boston cable stations beginning Sept. 9 and running through Election Day. The stations they’re targeting range from the Food Network to ESPN to Syfy and National Geographic.” [Washington Post, [7/18/14](#)]

**The National Federation Of Independent Business Reported Over \$170,000 In Spending In Support Of Scott Brown In 2014.** According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, National Federation Of Independent Business/Save Americas Free Enterprise Trust spent a total of \$18,000 on website & digital consulting services, \$16,466.32 on video production \$30,000 on online digital buys and \$107,866 on radio media production and placement in support of Scott Brown. [2014 Form 990, Freedom Partners, archived [11/23/15](#); Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**Freedom Partners Action Fund Reported Spending More Than \$50,000 In Support Of Scott Brown In 2014, With Almost \$35,000 That Directed Toward i360.** According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, Freedom Partners Action Fund’s reported 2014 expenditures in support of Scott Brown included \$34,642 paid to i360 for digital media placement and \$16,235.27 to Strategic Partners & Media Inc for TV/Media production. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**Koch Industries Contributed \$34,500 To Scott Brown In The 2014 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Koch Industries contributed \$34,500 to Republican Senatorial Candidate Scott Brown in the 2014 Cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [9/8/15](#)]

**David Koch Personally Contributed \$5,500 To Scott Brown In The 2014 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, David Koch contributed \$5,500 to Scott Brown in the 2014 Cycle. [Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/31/15](#)]

### **Koch Support For Scott Brown Helped Advance The Interests Of Big Oil At The Expense Of New Hampshire**

**The Billionaire Koch Brothers Invested In Scott Brown Because He “Consistently Voted For Fossil Fuel Industry Interests Including Protecting Billions In Profits From Their Special Interest Tax Loopholes.”** According to Fosters.com, “Scott Brown’s proposal to export as much natural gas as possible would be a windfall for fossil fuel companies who would see even bigger profit margins at the expense of New Hampshire families and businesses. It should be no surprise that the petrochemical billionaire Koch brothers and others in the oil and gas industries are ‘investing’ so heavily to elect Scott Brown as he has consistently voted for fossil fuel industry interests including protecting billions in profits from their special interest tax loopholes.” [Fosters.com, [10/28/14](#)]

- **Brown Voted Against The Repeal Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act That Would Have Closed \$24 Billion In Tax Loopholes For 5 Biggest Oil Companies.** According to the Bloomberg, “On March 29, 2012, Brown voted against a cloture motion on S.2204, the Repeal Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act, a Menendez (D-NJ) sponsored bill that would have closed \$24 billion in tax loopholes for the 5 biggest oil companies. Of the total repealed, about \$11.7 billion would be used for energy efficiency and renewable energy credits, and what’s left over would help pay down the federal deficit. The measure failed 51-47, with 4 Democrats voting against it and 2 Republicans voting for it.” [Vote 63, [3/29/12](#); Bloomberg, [3/29/12](#)]
- **As Massachusetts Senator, Scott Brown Voted To Freeze EPA Rules That Clamp Down On Power Plants, Petroleum Refiners And Other Major Industrial Sources.** According to Politico, “Sen. Scott Brown’s floor votes to strip the EPA of its climate change powers have become a political jump ball in his 2012 reelection campaign. Brown has so far voted three times to freeze EPA rules that clamp down on power plants, petroleum refiners and other major industrial sources.” [Politico, [5/8/11](#)]

**Brown “Voted To Cut Funding For The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program,” “A Lifeline For Thousands Of NH Residents, Helping Them To Afford Their Winter Heating Bills.”** According to Fosters.com, “Just to make matters worse when Scott Brown was the Senator from Massachusetts he voted to cut funding for the Low Income

Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that is a lifeline for thousands of NH residents, helping them to afford their winter heating bills.” [Fosters.com, [10/28/14](#)]

### **Brown’s Support From Koch-Backed Groups Became An Issue In The Campaign**

#### ***Ads And A Bus Tour Were Launched Based On Brown’s Support Of Oil And From The Kochs***

**The League of Conservation Voters Launched An Ad Highlighting False Pro-Brown Koch-Funded Attack Ads Which Focused On Brown’s History Of “Voting To Give Billions Of Dollars Annually In Special Taxpayer-Funded Subsidies To The Nation’s Most Profitable Oil Companies At A Time Of Record Profits.”** According to a press release by The League of Conservation Voters, “The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) Victory Fund today launched a new television ad in the New Hampshire Senate race highlighting how the out-of-state billionaire Koch Brothers are backing millions of dollars in attack ads to defeat Senator Jeanne Shaheen and elect carpetbagger Scott Brown in November so he can continue to do their bidding in Washington. [...] The ad highlights the Koch Brothers’ false attack ads against Senator Jeanne Shaheen to help elect their ally, Scott Brown, to the Senate. Brown sided with Big Oil and the Koch Brothers by repeatedly voting to give billions of dollars annually in special taxpayer-funded subsidies to the nation’s most profitable oil companies at a time of record profits for the industry. Documentation on Brown’s record and the ad can be found here. Despite their repeated claims to the contrary, the Koch Brothers and their front group, Americans for Prosperity, have worked to keep these oil industry giveaways on the books to pad their bottom line.” [League of Conservation Voters, [7/8/14](#)]

**NextGen Climate Spokesman Bobby Whithorne, Said Brown “Only Seemed Willing To Move To The Middle When It Was Politically Convenient.”** According to the Huffington Post, “Despite the reversal by both Gardner and Brown, environmental groups remain unconvinced. NextGen Climate, the progressive group founded by billionaire investor Tom Steyer, recently launched a truck tour targeting Brown’s environmental record, citing his support for the Koch brothers and ‘Big Oil tycoons.’ The group has also gone after Gardner through attack ads on television and billboards in Colorado. NextGen Climate spokesman Bobby Whithorne said Brown and Gardner only seemed willing to move to the middle when it was politically convenient.” [Huffington Post, [10/6/14](#)]

#### **NextGen Climate Launched A Truck Tour Around New Hampshire To Remind Voters Of Scott Brown’s “Record Of Support For Big Oil Tycoons, Like The Koch Brothers, At The Expense Of New Hampshire Families.”**

According to the Huffington Post, “A progressive environmental group is traveling around New Hampshire in a truck, taunting Republican Senate candidate Scott Brown about his record on climate change. The group, NextGen Climate, said it was launching the truck tour to ‘remind Granite State voters of Scott Brown’s record of support for Big Oil tycoons, like the Koch brothers, at the expense of New Hampshire families.’ The pickup is loaded with barrels marked ‘oil.’ NextGen Climate kicked off the effort at Dartmouth College in Hanover on Monday, and is running a Twitter account documenting the trip. The campaign will run through Election Day, and has at least 25 events planned.” [Huffington Post, [9/15/14](#)]

**NextGen Climate Released An Ad Campaign Tying Brown To The Koch Brothers And The Oil Industry.** According to The Hill, “NextGen Climate released an advertising campaign Thursday aimed at linking New Hampshire Republican Senate candidate Scott Brown to billionaire conservatives Charles and David Koch and the oil industry. NextGen, backed by billionaire climate activist Tom Steyer, takes advantage of Brown’s former position representing Massachusetts in the Senate to paint him as coming from out of state. It is the first campaign from the group in the New Hampshire race. ‘Out-of-state oilmen like the Koch brothers are spending millions to elect out-of-state politician Scott Brown to our Senate seat,’ the voiceover says in the TV ad. ‘Brown voted to protect tax giveaways for big oil, which is polluting our air and water.’ The campaign also includes radio and Web ads.” [The Hill, [8/21/14](#)]

**NextGen Climate Ad Noted Brown’s Support From The Koch Brothers And Big Oil Special Interests, All Of Which Want Tax Breaks And Oppose Clean Air And Water Protection.** According to The Hill, “All the ads refer to the state’s maple syrup industry, contrasting tapping into maple trees with drilling for oil. ‘As a senator from Massachusetts, Scott Brown voted to protect billions in tax giveaways for big oil while accepting more campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry than all but two U.S. senators,’ NextGen said in a statement announcing the ads. ‘Brown has received support from the Koch brothers and other Big Oil special interests because they know they can count on him to continue protecting huge tax breaks for oil companies, and to oppose clean air and clean water protections,’ the group said.” [The Hill, [8/21/14](#)]



## JIM RUBENS

**AFP-NH Director Greg Moore Warned That Republican Jim Rubens' Support Of A Carbon Tax "Puts Him 'To The Left Of Jeanne Shaheen,'" Adding "We'd Like To Sit Down And Talk To Him."** According to New Hampshire Sunday News, "So word that Republican former state Sen. Jim Rubens (a key opponent of casino gambling) is making calls exploring a run against Democrat Jeanne Shaheen isn't a case of 'too soon' at all. [...] As we have reported, Rubens is expected to make a call for a 'carbon tax' to offset climate change. He says it would be a major component of his campaign, should he run. That puts him 'to the left of Jeanne Shaheen,' according to Greg Moore, executive director of the conservative advocacy group Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire. 'There's no support in the U.S. Senate now for a carbon tax, and I can't understand why any candidate would look at it as a key component of their campaign,' Moore said. 'It will drive up the cost of energy at a time when we have among the highest energy prices in the country. 'We'd like to sit down and talk to him about the negative consequences,' Moore said.'" [New Hampshire Sunday News, 6/2/13]

**Rubens Signed AFP's No Climate Tax Pledge.** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, "Americans for Prosperity – New Hampshire (AFP-NH) today made the following comments in response to former State Senator Jim Rubens, a candidate for U.S. Senate, signing AFP's 'No Climate Tax Pledge.' Rubens joins nearly 725 bipartisan lawmakers and candidates on the federal, state and local levels who have signed the pledge. 'We do appreciate Senator Rubens signing AFP's No Climate Tax Pledge. The one thing elected officials should be able to agree on is that global warming shouldn't be used as an excuse for a massive tax hike on citizens and businesses,' said Greg Moore, AFP-NH State Director. 'The President has made no secret that he will use whatever tools necessary – including bypassing the legislative process – to pass costly regulations and punitive measures like a carbon tax that threaten to kill jobs and bankrupt businesses. We encourage all of New Hampshire's elected officials and candidates for elected office to sign the pledge.'" [Americans for Prosperity, [6/24/14](#)]

- **AFP-NH "Noted That Rubens Has Historically Supported Numerous Cap-And-Trade And Climate Tax Strategies, Such As The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) And A Carbon Tax" And Stated That They Were Encouraged By His Reversal.** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, "AFP-NH noted that Rubens has historically supported numerous cap-and-trade and climate tax strategies, such as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and a carbon tax, which he began his campaign for U.S. Senate promoting. 'We are encouraged by the fact that Jim Rubens appears to have come to the realization that cap-and-trade and carbon taxes will do severe damage to our economy and hurt consumers,' added Moore. 'Independent analysis shows that a carbon tax would amount to the largest tax increase in American history. The last thing New Hampshire residents need as they continue to struggle to make ends meet in the down economy is a huge new tax. Using the guise of climate change to transfer dollars from hard-working citizens to bureaucratic big government is unacceptable.'" [Americans for Prosperity, [6/24/14](#)]

## Congressional Races

### CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ONE

#### Frank Guinta

#### *AFP Elected Frank Guinta And He Pledged Loyalty To Them On Several Issues*

**AFP-NH State Director Lewandowski On His Biggest Successes: We "Elected" Frank Guinta.** According to the New Hampshire Business Review, "Corey Lewandowski, state director of Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire, says his organization is taking a "long-term approach" in its fight for limited government, lower taxes and more freedom. [...] Q. What do you count as your biggest successes? A. We were very active in helping establish and brand the Tea Party movement here in New Hampshire. We believe in that same spirit of local control. We have recruited and endorsed candidates, and you saw what happened in 2010 - we helped put Republicans back in control of the State House and elected two congressmen (Charlie Bass and Frank Guinta) and Kelly Ayotte to the U.S. Senate." [New Hampshire Business Review, [8/10/12](#)]

- **WMUR Political Director: AFP Was Among The Outside Groups Which "Helped Keep The Focus Back On Shea-Porter And The National Political Environment At The Moment Our Short General Election Was**

**Being Defined And Guinta Didn't Have The Money To Play.”** According to “New Hampshire Republican Frank Guinta had a paltry \$158,000 in his campaign bank account through the end of September - hardly enough to run ads in the expensive Boston media market in the final weeks of an election season. But he's getting some high-priced help in challenging Shea-Porter in the form of assistance from a slate of conservative-oriented groups like Revere America, Family Research Council, and Americans for Prosperity. [...] Americans for Prosperity, meanwhile, will pitch in at least \$30,000, while the socially conservative Family Research Council has thrown in \$29,000 for a 30-second spot saying Shea-Porter ‘supported big health care, big bailouts, big debt.’ The conservative groups' spending is bound to help Guinta, whom Democrats planned to target heavily for past ethical problems, close what would have been a large gap on the airwaves. ‘Carol Shea-Porter is spending all of her energy trying to make Frank Guinta an unacceptable alternative,’ James Pindell, political director for TV station WMUR, wrote in an e-mail message, ‘and these outside groups have helped keep the focus back on Shea-Porter and the national political environment at the moment our short general election was being defined and Guinta didn't have the money to play.’” [Politico, [10/8/10](#)]

**Frank Guinta Signed AFP's 2014 Candidate Pledge, Promising To Pass Right To Work Laws And Oppose The Affordable Care Act.** According to Americans for Prosperity, “Americans for Prosperity – New Hampshire (AFP-NH) today posted its initial round of 2014 candidate pledge signers to its website. The pledge was sent to all candidates for federal and state office. The list consists of candidates for U.S. Senate (Bob Smith, Jim Rubens), Governor (Walt Havenstein, Andrew Hemingway, Jonathan Smolin), U.S. House (Frank Guinta, Everett Jabour, Marilinda Garcia, Gary Lambert), as well as 23 State Senate candidates and numerous candidate for New Hampshire House. [...] The AFP-NH 2014 Candidate Pledge consists of items designed to enhance economic liberty, including, opposing tax increases, cutting spending, passing a Right to Work law in New Hampshire and opposing the Affordable Care Act, commonly called ObamaCare.” [Americans for Prosperity, [8/15/14](#)]

**Frank Guinta Signed Americans For Prosperity's “No Climate Tax Pledge.”** According to the NRDC, “Guinta has also signed the Americans for Prosperity's ‘No Climate Tax Pledge.’ Americans for Prosperity is a dirty oil-funded think tank that supports the tea party movement. It is largely funded by the Koch brothers. As The New Yorker recently reported, the Koch brothers, private owners of Koch Industries (a conglomerate primarily in the oil business), have conducted a decades-long campaign promoting their radical worldview, which includes eliminating environmental regulations.” [NRDC, [10/27/10](#)]

**Guinta Co-Chaired AFP-NH's 2012 “Conservative Of The Year” Banquet.** According to the Union Leader, “The conservative issues group Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire is looking to duplicate the successful ‘Conservative of the Year’ banquet it held last April, honoring current candidate for governor Ovide Lamontagne. With several presidential candidates on hand, the event was viewed as the unofficial kickoff of the first-in-the-nation primary campaign. It also turned out to be the unofficial launch of Lamontagne's campaign. This year's event, set for April 20 at the Grappone Center in Concord, will honor U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, who narrowly defeated Lamontagne in the 2010 September primary and has emerged as a key player, especially among freshmen Republicans, in the Senate. [...] The event's co-chairs and host committee members are a ‘Who's Who’ of state Republican politics. Co-chairs include U.S. Reps. Charlie Bass and Frank Guinta; former Govs. Steve Merrill and John H. Sununu; and former U.S. Sens. Judd Gregg and John E. Sununu.” [Union Leader, 2/23/12]

**Rep. Guinta “Brought Up” An Op-Ed By AFP President Tim Phillips “A Number Of Times” During A Campaign Debate.** According to Foster's Daily Democrat, “Both Carol Shea-Porter and Frank Guinta tried to highlight their differences during Tuesday night's NH1 debate at the new WBIN-TV studios in Concord. [...] Guinta brought up a USA Today column published last weekend a number of times. The column, written by Tim Phillips, who is the president of Americans for Prosperity, said that 70,000 small-group policyholders in New Hampshire will be forced into new health care plans this November.” [Foster's Daily Democrat, [10/22/14](#)]

**Guinta Had A Lifetime Score Of 83% From Americans For Prosperity.** [AFPScorecard.org, Accessed [11/25/15](#)]

- **2015 - 2016: Guinta Had A 79% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 112th Congress.** [AFPScorecard.org, Accessed [11/25/15](#)]
- **2011 - 2012: Guinta Had An 86% Score From Americans For Prosperity For The 112th Congress.** [AFPScorecard.org, Accessed [11/25/15](#)]

- **Union Leader: It Was No Surprise Kelly Ayotte And Frank Guinta Ranked Highest Among New Hampshire Members On AFP's Scorecard.** According to the Union Leader, "The conservative advocacy group Americans for Prosperity has issued its congressional scorecard for the 112th Congress, basing grades on a long list of tax and spending issues. The group's grading of last year's New Hampshire delegation contained no surprises. Shaheen received a 'D-', while Sen. Kelly Ayotte and former Rep. Frank Guinta received 'B's' and former Rep. Charlie Bass received a 'C.'" [Union Leader, [2/22/13](#)]

***Guinta Was Strongly Backed By The 60 Plus Association And Broke Campaign Promises To Promote Their Support Of Him***

**60 Plus Named Guinta "A Guardian Of Seniors Rights" In 2011.** According to an opinion by Congressman Frank Guinta in Foster's Daily Democrat, "I was honored in 2011 to receive several national recognitions for my work, including 'Legislator of the Year' from the American Building Contractors, and the 'Guardian of Seniors Rights' award from the 60 Plus Association." [Patch.com – Congressman Frank Guinta, [1/23/12](#)]

- **60 Plus Association Said It Would Run Ads In Guinta's District As Part Of A \$800,000 Radio Ad And Direct Mail Effort Thanking Republican Members Of Congress Who Voted For A Budget That Would Dramatically Alter Medicare.** According to St Petersburg Times Blogs, "A conservative group that calls itself an alternative to AARP said it will spend \$800,000 on radio ads and direct mail thanking Republican members of Congress who voted for a budget that dramatically alters Medicare. Ads are scheduled to run in several Florida districts, including the 8th held by C.W. Bill Young. Listen to the ad for Young here. 'The House passed a budget that protects and preserves Medicare for years to come,' states the ad, scheduled to begin today. 'And our Congressman, Bill Young, voted to protect Medicare and keep it secure for future retirees.' [...] 60 Plus Association said ads will run in the following districts: [...] New Hampshire's 2nd Congressional District[.]" [The Buzz - St Petersburg Times Blogs, 4/21/11]

**Guinta Used Taxpayer-Funded Money To Mail Seniors "A Picture Of Himself Receiving An Award From The 60 Plus Association 'For His Work In Congress To Protect And Preserve Medicare Benefits.'"** According to Roll Call, "The franking system is designed to provide lawmakers with a taxpayer-funded way in which to communicate with their constituents about their activities in Congress. Although campaigning is specifically prohibited, lawmakers often walk up to the line of impropriety with the wording of their mailings. According to an analysis of House disbursement records, from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012, there were eight Republicans and two Democrats who made up the top 10 Members using the service [including] Frank Guinta (R-N.H.) [...] Despite these attacks, all four have ended up using the franking system, often to circulate mailings that come off as more self-promotional than informational. In one of his mailings targeted at seniors, Guinta includes a picture of himself receiving an award from the 60 Plus Association 'for his work in Congress to protect and preserve Medicare benefits.'" [Roll Call, 6/19/12]

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**60 Plus Featured Pat Boone In A Paid Automated Phone Campaign On Behalf Of Frank Guinta In The Closing Days Of The 2014 Election.** According to 60 Plus, “Legendary entertainer and seniors advocate Pat Boone has recorded a message to voters on behalf of the Frank Guinta for Congress campaign. Guinta is running in New Hampshire’s 1st Congressional District. Boone made the recording today in his capacity as spokesman for the national non-partisan senior citizen group the 60 Plus Association, which has more than 7.2 million senior supporters nationally, including more than 4,900 in New Hampshire’s 1st District.” [60 Plus, [10/30/14](#)]

### ***Koch Industries Backed Guinta Even After His 2015 Campaign Finance Scandal Led To Calls For His Resignation***

**May 2015: Rep. Guinta And The Federal Election Commission Reached A Settlement Requiring Guinta To Return The Funds To His Parents And Pay A \$15,000 Fine.** According to Politico, “Last week, Guinta and the Federal Election Commission settled a case involving \$355,000 that Guinta said he loaned himself during his first campaign for the House in 2010. Guinta initially said the money was his, but an FEC investigation concluded that the contributions came from his parents and exceeded donation limits. The settlement requires Guinta to return the funds to his parents and pay a \$15,000 fine to the FEC.” [Politico, [5/18/15](#)]

- **The Conservative New Hampshire Union Leader Called Guinta’s Resignation And Ran A Six-Word Editorial Signed By The Paper’s Publisher: “Frank Guinta Is A Damned Liar.”** According to Politico, “Since the settlement, Guinta has faced fire from both Democrats and Republicans. In addition to Ayotte’s comments, the conservative New Hampshire Union Leader has also called for his resignation, and, last Friday, ran a six-word editorial signed by the paper’s publisher: ‘Frank Guinta is a damned liar.’” [Politico, [5/18/15](#)]

**August 2015: Koch Industries Inc PAC Contributed \$2,000 To Friends Of Frank Guinta.** According to Friends of Frank Guinta’s 2015 October 15 Quarterly Report to the FEC, Koch Industries Inc PAC contributed \$2,000 for the general election. [Federal Election Committee, [10/15/15](#)]

### ***Other Koch Identity Politics Groups Have Held Events For Guinta***

**Concerned Women Of America Scheduled A Meet And Greet For Rep. Frank Guinta.** According to the Union Leader, “Guinta is in Washington today and tomorrow to fund-raise and meet with members of Congress and leaders of conservative groups. The National Rifle Association is slated to host a ‘meet-and-greet’ today and Concerned Women of America is scheduled to host one tomorrow.” [Union Leader, 2/25/10]

**Concerned Veterans for America Held A “Reform Summit” On Veterans Healthcare In Manchester Which Featured Rep. Frank Guinta.** According to the Associated Press, “A group called Concerned Veterans for America is holding a ‘reform summit’ in Manchester. The group is planning to discuss policy proposals from its Fixing Veterans Health Care Task Force on Monday at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College. Among the scheduled participants are Republican Congressman Frank Guinta and Executive Councilor Joseph Kenney.” [The Republic, [3/8/15](#)]

### ***Koch-Backed Groups Devoted At Least \$80,000 To Guinta’s Campaigns***

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**The NRA Reported Nearly \$40,000 In Spending In Support Of Frank Guina.** According to its 2014 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Freedom Partners provided a cash grant of \$4,895,000 for “general support” to the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action. According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action spent a total of \$39,014.61 in support of Frank Guinta. [2014 Form 990, Freedom Partners, archived [11/23/15](#); Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**Koch Industries PAC Contributed \$7,000 To Republican Congressman Frank Guinta In The 2016 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Koch Industries PAC contributed \$7,000 to Republican Congressman Frank Guinta in the 2016 Cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [12/7/15](#)]

***AFP Spent About \$75,000 Targeting Carol Shea-Porter Individually And “Considerably More” Than A Half Million In Ad Buys Targeting Her Along With Others***

**AFP Launched An Attack Site Targeting Rep. Carol Shea-Porter In Coordination With AFP-Hosted Tax Day Tea Party Events.** According to the Union Leader, “Americans for Prosperity hosts tea parties today at the State House in Concord and Victory Park in Manchester, featuring long-time tax fighter Tom Thomson with his patented six-foot-long anti-tax ax. In coordination, AFP has launched a new Web site directed at Democratic Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, dubbed [www.youworkforuscarol.com](#), which contains a petition urging her to ‘Stop the spending. Stop the bailouts. Stop bankrupting America.’” [Union Leader, 4/15/10]

**Americans For Prosperity Spent \$74,417 Targeting Rep. Carol Shea-Porter In The 2010 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Americans For Prosperity spent \$74,417 targeting Rep. Carol Shea-Porter in the 2010 Cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/25/15](#)]

- **AFP’s Ad Buy “Calling Rep. Carol Shea-Porter ‘One Of Nancy Pelosi’s New Hampshire Poodles’ Who Voted With Pelosi ‘97 Percent Of The Time.’”** According to the Union Leader, “Last week, AFP began television advertising opposing Lynch on the early parole issue. It followed that up with an ad calling Rep. Carol Shea-Porter ‘one of Nancy Pelosi’s New Hampshire poodles’ who voted with Pelosi ‘97 percent of the time.’ The anti-Lynch ad buy, which cost about \$130,000, ended on Tuesday night. The anti-Shea-Porter ad buy, which cost about \$75,000, ended yesterday. As it ended that buy, AFP yesterday began a new ad, this time targeting Democratic 2nd District U.S. House candidate Ann McLane Kuster as a big government liberal. The ad notes that she favors adding a public option provision to the Obama health care bill. It also claims she supports the ‘kind of higher energy costs that could hurt New Hampshire’s jobs and economy.’ This buy for this piece is also in the neighborhood of \$75,000 and is scheduled to air for a week.” [Union Leader, 10/7/10]

**Americans For Prosperity Had A Misleading Ad Campaign Of “‘Considerably More’ Than \$500,000” Targeting Reps. Carol Shea-Porter And Ann McLane Kuster.** According to the Huffington Post, “Americans for Prosperity launched a six-figure ad campaign in New Hampshire Monday starring two women who lost their health care plans due to Obamacare. But the conservative political advocacy group left out one minor detail: Both women are local Republican activists and donors. The Koch-brothers backed group claimed the ads, which target two Democratic members of Congress up for reelection in November, told the ‘personal stories’ of Donna Marzullo of Deering and Helen DePrima of Bedford, N.H. [...] Americans for Prosperity told the Union Leader it spent ‘considerably more’ than \$500,000 on the ad buy, which targets Reps. Carol

Shea-Porter and Ann Kuster. The group has run similar anti-Obamacare ads against other Democrats facing reelection in 2014.” [Huffington Post, [2/24/14](#)]

## **Pam Tucker**

***The Koch Network Backed Tucker In CD1, Declaring “We Relish Opportunities To Find Unprincipled Incumbents Who Aren’t Adhering To Free Market Principles Who Could Be Challenged And Who We Could Replace.”***

**National Journal Headline: “Koch-Backed Consulting Group Talking To Tucker About Congressional Bid”**  
[National Journal, [11/12/15](#)]

**Aegis Strategic, “Created With The Koch Network’s Blessing Partly To Cultivate Candidates Who Share The Kochs’ Commitment To Free-Market Conservatism,” Was Helping State Rep. Named Pam Tucker Explore A Potential Primary Challenge Against Rep. Frank Guinta If He Ran For Reelection In His Swing Congressional District.**

According to Politico, “But Aegis Strategic was created with the Koch network’s blessing partly to cultivate candidates who share the Kochs’ commitment to free-market conservatism, and could be in line for the network’s support in GOP primaries. It’s helping a New Hampshire state legislator named Pam Tucker explore a potential primary challenge against embattled Republican Rep. Frank Guinta if he runs for reelection in his swing congressional district. During a September trip to Washington to prepare for her race, Tucker received assistance from Aegis in setting up meetings with a number of different groups, including the Mercatus Center, a Koch-funded libertarian think tank at George Mason University. If Tucker decides to run, Aegis Strategic said, it hopes to sign her as a client. Tucker told POLITICO she had been put in touch with the firm ‘through mutual acquaintances,’ but hadn’t decided whether to contract with it and would not base her decision on its connections to the Koch network.” [Politico, [11/12/15](#)]

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**Aegis President And Former AFP Chief Operating Officer Jeff Crank: “I Can’t Stress Enough — We Do Look For Opportunities And We Relish Opportunities To Find Unprincipled Incumbents Who Aren’t Adhering To Free Market Principles Who Could Be Challenged And Who We Could Replace.”** According to Politico, “Crank said his firm is seeking more candidates to take on big government Republicans. ‘I can’t stress enough — we do look for opportunities and we relish opportunities to find unprincipled incumbents who aren’t adhering to free market principles who could be challenged and who we could replace with a better vote,’ said Crank. ‘We’re not going to run in there like wild-eyed crazies and charge up the hill without guns. We’re going to pick opportunities that are wise — candidates who are both principled and electable. It’s all going to be well thought-out,’ said Crank. ‘Oftentimes, there are party entities that go in and they try to find the most electable — or the candidate who can write the biggest check — and they really don’t care sometimes about principle,’ said Crank. While Aegis Strategic doesn’t have a formal legal relationship with the Koch network, its consulting contract with Freedom Partners provides much of its revenue, sources familiar with the arrangement say.” [Politico, [11/12/15](#)]

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### ***Tucker Has Been Tied To The Koch-Network For Years And Ranks Among Their Most Loyal Foot Soldiers***

#### **Tucker In An Aegis Facilitated Press Release: "It Is An Honor To Receive A 100% Rating From" AFP-NH.**

According to a press release on Pam Tucker for New Hampshire, "State Rep. Pam Tucker (Rockingham 23) today issued a statement in response to receiving a 100% rating from the New Hampshire chapter of taxpayer advocacy group Americans for Prosperity. [...] 'It is an honor to receive a 100% rating from an organization truly committed to fiscal responsibility and personal freedom. We must all work together to hold politicians accountable to the principles that we know work: constitutionally limited government, a low tax burden and personal freedom,' continued Tucker. State Rep. Pam Tucker, a resident of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, has recently formed a federal Exploratory Committee. To set up an interview with Pam Tucker, contact Brad at (402) 310-7897 or [brad.stevens@aegis-strategic.com](mailto:brad.stevens@aegis-strategic.com) or visit [www.pam4nh.com](http://www.pam4nh.com)." [Pam Tucker for New Hampshire, [11/19/15](#)]

**Tucker Was On The Host Committee For AFP-NH's 2012 "Conservative Of The Year" Banquet.** According to the Union Leader, "The conservative issues group Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire is looking to duplicate the successful 'Conservative of the Year' banquet it held last April, honoring current candidate for governor Ovide Lamontagne. With several presidential candidates on hand, the event was viewed as the unofficial kickoff of the first-in-the-nation primary campaign. It also turned out to be the unofficial launch of Lamontagne's campaign. This year's event, set for April 20 at the Grappone Center in Concord, will honor U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, who narrowly defeated Lamontagne in the 2010 September primary and has emerged as a key player, especially among freshmen Republicans, in the Senate. [...] The host committee includes House Speaker Bill O'Brien, House Majority Leader D.J. Bettencourt, Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley, RNC member Steve Duprey, state Sen. Jeanie Forrester, former state Sen. Bob Letourneau, conservative leader Jennifer Horn, Lamontagne, fellow GOP candidate for governor Kevin Smith, former RNC member Sean Mahoney, Deputy House speaker Pam Tucker, AFP-NH honorary chairman Tom Thomson, former state GOP Chairman Wayne Semprini, Executive Councilor Ray Wieczorek and former U.S. Rep. Bill Zeff." [Union Leader, 2/23/12]

**Tucker Testified In Support Of AFP-NH's Position On Extending The Due Date For Property Tax Bills.** According to the Salem Observer, "A Windham resident is leading an initiative supporting House Bill 593, which would establish a committee to consider extending the due date for property tax bills. Corey Lewandowski, state director of Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire, testified before the House Municipal and County Government Committee on Feb. 7. Lewandowski said the issue is particularly timely right now since most communities are in the midst of town and school deliberative sessions, with Town Meeting and elections just a month away. 'Here in Windham, like in so many other towns, we continue to see an increase in our tax bills,' he said, noting that his town's tax bills were sent in mid-December, but most residents won't be addressing their town's respective budgets and resulting taxes until the March Town Meeting. 'The concept is simple - if property tax bills are due within 30 days of Town Meeting, taxpayers are much more likely to be concerned and aware of how and where their money is being spent,' Lewandowski said. 'We believe making this change will shift power back into the hands of the taxpayers in these communities.' During the Feb. 7 hearing in Concord, several legislators supported Lewandowski's position, including Rep. Al Baldasaro (R-Londonderry) and Rep. Pam Tucker (R-Greenland)." [Salem Observer, 2/14/13]

**Tucker Joined With AFP In Advocating For The Repeal Of The RGGI.** According to the Union Leader, "However, some members wanted to see the program repealed, including House Republican Alliance co-chair Rep Pam Tucker, R-Greenland. With New Hampshire's high energy costs, lawmakers ought to be voting to repeal the program, she said. Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire agrees, saying the program needs to be halted. 'RGGI is a destructive scheme that takes money from the ratepayers of New Hampshire to give contributions to the politically well-connected,' said Greg Moore, AFP-NH state director. 'When we have among the highest energy costs in the nation, we need to be looking for ways to cut the impact on our consumers and make our state more competitive, so that we can grow our economy and bring more new jobs here.'" [Union Leader, 3/21/13]

**Tucker Spoke Against The ACA And Medicaid Expansion At An AFP Anti-ACA Rally.** According to the Union Leader, "The anti-ACA rally on the State House lawn sponsored by Americans for Prosperity -- New Hampshire drew about 175 people, including many lawmakers. Former House Speaker William O'Brien, a noted ACA opponent and potential 2nd

Congressional District candidate, said the health care reform act was as destructive for the country as the 1793 Fugitive Slave Act that allowed slave owners to come to New Hampshire to take back escaped slaves. [...] Rep. Pam Tucker, R-Greenland, a former House Deputy Speaker, told the crowd that House Speaker Terie Norelli, D-Portsmouth, says the state will lose \$1 million a day if Medicaid isn't expanded. 'Where is that money coming from?' Tucker said. 'We know where it's coming from.' She said the ACA is a great example of government out of control and it must be stopped." [Union Leader, 8/2/13]

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**Tucker Was Expected To Attend AFP-NH's New State Headquarters Grand Opening, Characterized As "Another Sign Of [AFP-NH] Establishing Itself As A Big Foot In Conservative Politics For 2014."** According to the Nashua Telegraph, "The state chapter of Americans for Prosperity shows another sign of establishing itself as a big foot in conservative politics for 2014. They're opening a state headquarters with a grand opening Wednesday night. The 340 Granite St. location is in the same building where 2012 GOP hopeful for governor Kevin Smith had his smaller campaign office. Senate President Chuck Morse, R-Salem, former House Deputy Speaker Pam Tucker, R-Greenfield, and other prominent Republicans are likely to attend." [Nashua Telegraph, 1/19/14]

## **Rich Ashooh**

### ***Rich Ashooh Has Also Signed The AFP Pledge***

**Rich Ashooh Signed The AFP Pledge.** According to the Union Leader, "Co-chairman Tom Thomson said the pledge is 'a contract by candidates with their potential constituents and we will hold them accountable.' In a news conference that began with the Pledge of Allegiance, each of 15 signers gave a short speech. Among those at the event were former attorney general Kelly Ayotte, a U.S. Senate candidate; Karen Testerman, running for governor; Rich Ashooh, Bob Bestani, Frank Guinta, Charlie Bass, Bob Giuda and Jennifer Horn, all candidates for the U.S. House. Other candidates who signed the pledge included John Stephen, running for governor; Sean Mahoney, running for Congress; Ovide Lamontagne and Jim Bender, both running for U.S. Senate." [Union Leader, 6/17/10]

**Ashoo Attended Another Pledge Signing Event, Taking Advantage Of Their "November Is Coming" Voter Contact Event.** According to Foster's Daily Democrat, "Eighteen candidates from around the state gathered at Swasey Park for an Americans for Prosperity-sponsored event that saw the political hopefuls signing a pledge promising they will cut taxes and spending and look to reduce the size of government should they be elected. [...] [Americans for Prosperity state director Corey] Lewandowski said the cookout event was a simple way for voters to get together with candidates and while he said everyone was invited to take part in a gathering themed 'November is Coming.' The political hopefuls attending Tuesday's riverside gathering were nearly all Republican candidates ranging from gubernatorial candidates John Stephen and Jack Kimball to District 1 congressional candidates Rich Ashooh." [Foster's Daily Democrat, 7/29/10]



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TWO

### Ann McLane Kuster

#### ***Koch-Backed Groups Have Devoted At Least \$1,480,000 To Defeating Ann McLane Kuster***

**Americans For Prosperity Spent \$74,417 Targeting Rep. Ann McLane Kuster In The 2010 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Americans For Prosperity spent \$75,762 targeting Rep. Ann McLane Kuster in the 2010 Cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/25/15](#)]

- **AFP Launched A \$75,000 Ad Buy Targeting Kuster On Health Care And Energy.** According to the Union Leader, “As it ended that buy, AFP yesterday began a new ad, this time targeting Democratic 2nd District U.S. House candidate Ann McLane Kuster as a big government liberal. The ad notes that she favors adding a public option provision to the Obama health care bill. It also claims she supports the ‘kind of higher energy costs that could hurt New Hampshire’s jobs and economy.’ This buy for this piece is also in the neighborhood of \$75,000 and is scheduled to air for a week.” [Union Leader, 10/7/10]

**Americans For Prosperity Had A Misleading Ad Campaign Of “‘Considerably More’ Than \$500,000” Targeting Reps. Ann McLane Kuster And Carol Shea-Porter.** According to the Huffington Post, “Americans for Prosperity launched a six-figure ad campaign in New Hampshire Monday starring two women who lost their health care plans due to Obamacare. But the conservative political advocacy group left out one minor detail: Both women are local Republican activists and donors. The Koch-brothers backed group claimed the ads, which target two Democratic members of Congress up for reelection in November, told the ‘personal stories’ of Donna Marzullo of Deering and Helen DePrima of Bedford, N.H. [...] Americans for Prosperity told the Union Leader it spent ‘considerably more’ than \$500,000 on the ad buy, which targets Reps. Carol Shea-Porter and Ann Kuster. The group has run similar anti-Obamacare ads against other Democrats facing reelection in 2014.” [Huffington Post, [2/24/14](#)]

**Freedom Partners Action Fund Reported Spending In Excess Of A Million Dollars Against Ann McLane Kuster In 2014.** According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, Freedom Partners Action Fund’s reported 2014 expenditures against Ann Kuster included \$1,189,409 in TV and radio media production and media placement. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**AFP Reported Spending In Excess Of \$200,000 Against Ann McLane Kuster In 2014.** According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, AFP’s reported 2014 independent expenditures against Ann Kuster included \$32,149.21 in staff salary; \$35,885.20 in mail design, printing and postage; \$11,473.06 in door hanger printing and production; \$8,608.53 in canvassing expenses; and \$131,548.40 web ad creation, production and placement for its “Fire Kuster” ad. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**Susan B Anthony List Dedicated Funds To Opposing Ann McLane Kuster.** According to its 2014 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Freedom Partners provided a cash grant of \$225,000 for “general support” to Susan B Anthony List, Inc. According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, Susan B Anthony List, Inc. spent a total of \$143.60 to oppose Ann Kuster. [2014 Form 990, Freedom Partners, archived [11/23/15](#); Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**In The 2016 Cycle, Concerned Veterans For America “Launched A Six-Figure Digital Video, Direct Mail, And Grassroots Campaign” That Targeted Rep. Ann McLane Kuster For Her Alleged Opposition To The Opposition To VA Accountability Act.** According to a Concerned Veterans for America Press Release, “Concerned Veterans for America (CVA) today launched a six-figure digital video, direct mail, and grassroots campaign that highlights Rep. Ann Kuster’s (NH-02), Rep. Raul Ruiz’s (CA-36), and Rep. Tim Walz’s (MN-01) opposition to VA Accountability Act (HR1994) – a bipartisan bill that would make it easier to fire bad VA employees – in the House Committee on Veterans Affairs and urges them to support the bill when it comes before the whole House.” [Concerned Veterans for America Press Release, [7/21/15](#)]

## Jack Flanagan

### ***Jack Flanagan Has Consistently Received High Marks For Carrying Out The Koch Agenda In The NH House***

**2015: AFP-NH Gave Flanagan A Grade Of 75 Out Of 100 On Its Scorecard.** [Americans for Prosperity, Archived [11/10/15](#)]

- **2014: AFP-NH Gave Flanagan A Grade Of 88 Out Of 100 On Its Scorecard.** [GaryDaniels.org, Archived [11/6/15](#)]
- **2013: AFP-NH Gave Flanagan A Grade Of 100 Out Of 100 On Its Scorecard.** [Afp hq – Scribd, Archived [12/7/15](#)]
- **2012: AFP-NH Gave Flanagan An A Grade On Its Scorecard.** [Americans for Prosperity, Archived [12/7/15](#)]

### ***Flanagan Took Part In Koch Anti-ACA Efforts And Joined In Opposition To Medicaid Expansion, Saying It Could Be A Slippery Slope To A State Income Tax***

#### **Jack Flanagan Participated In An AFP-NH Rally “To Encourage Lawmakers In Washington To Delay The ACA.”**

According to the Union Leader, “Members of Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire (AFP-NH) took to the road last week in hopes of addressing growing concerns over the national health care overhaul. Around 60 people attended Saturday afternoon's rally at the Alpine Grove event center, including area legislators, business owners and residents. Similar events were held in Laconia and New Castle last week, and organization officials said both were well-attended. Greg Moore, AFP-NH's state director, said the topic bears much discussion because of the uncertainty surrounding the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as ‘Obamacare.’ [...] District 26 Rep. Jack Flanagan of Brookline offered his thoughts. ‘The more I learn, the more I realize there are some good aspects (of the ACA). But that doesn't make up for the unintended consequences,’ he said, noting part-time workers are excluded from the plan and that many companies, including United Postal Service, have recently been forced to discontinue spousal coverage due to rising expenses. ‘It's already cost us \$4 billion to establish this new exchange,’ Flanagan said. ‘So my question is, why are tax dollars still being used? When you do the math, there are way more consequences than perks.’ Moore said an ultimate goal of the public rallies would be to encourage lawmakers in Washington to delay the ACA.” [Union Leader, 8/25/13]

**Flanagan Stood With AFP-NH In Opposition To Medicaid Expansion, Which He Warned “May Be The Camel's Nose Under The Tent To An Income Tax.”** According to the Associated Press, “Americans for Prosperity, which opposes Medicaid expansion, had called attention to an analysis based on the Lewin study showing the providers would see a \$45 million loss in net income if expansion is approved. The providers said that expanding Medicaid would result in more cost-effective care to the poor. [...] State Rep. Jack Flanagan, a Republican from Brookline, sounded a note of caution. Flanagan said he understood peoples' concerns, but he was not sure expanding Medicaid was the solution. He also said eventually New Hampshire taxpayers will have to pick up more of the cost. ‘I don't know where we're going to come up with the money. This may be the camel's nose under the tent to an income tax,’ he said. New Hampshire does not have a personal income tax.” [Union Leader, 8/27/13]

### ***Flanagan Joined AFP In Advocating For A Budget Which Slashed Services For The Poor And Elderly***

#### **Flanagan Joined With AFP-NH In Praising The 2015 New Hampshire House Finance Committee Budget.**

According to the Associated Press, “When the House votes Wednesday, it will consider a budget that restores \$68 million in funding for DOT following action taken Thursday by the House Finance Committee, according to committee member Rep. Betsy McKinney, R-Londonderry. [...] Hassan called the recommended budget a proposal with ‘harmful, unnecessary reductions that will hurt families, undermine business growth and take our economy backward.’ Republican officials praised the committee's actions, including Majority Leader Jack Flanagan, R-Brookline, as did Americans for Prosperity. The conservative group held its own press conference Friday to praise the Finance Committee budget, saying it does away with several proposed tax increases. ‘The state budget proposed by the House Finance Committee is fiscally responsible and

ensures that state spending isn't growing faster than our economy,' state director Greg Moore said. 'It eliminates the numerous tax increases in Gov. Hassan's budget, such as the onerous (gas) tax hike.'" [Union Leader, 3/29/15]

- **The House Finance Committee Budget Sunset Medicaid Expansion Services At The End Of 2016, Removed About \$10.5 Million From Services Such As Home Meal Delivery For The Elderly And Delayed The Opening Of A 10-Bed Crisis Unit At New Hampshire Hospital.** According to the Nashua Telegraph, "But this year Bonnie, the next-oldest child of Doherty and his wife, Mary Ellen, is about to turn 21, and a budget being considered by the New Hampshire House Finance Committee would once again cut transition funds [which help the developmentally disabled when they turn 21 and become too old for school-based services]. Social service groups such as Gateways Community Services in Nashua, which connected The Telegraph with Doherty, are expressing alarm over the committee's proposed reductions to Department and Health and Human Services budget, compared to the budget put forward by Gov. Maggie Hassan. The most prominent votes by the committee includes a decision not to renew the expansion of Medicaid services beyond the end of 2016, to remove about \$10.5 million from services such as home meal delivery for the elderly, and to delay by a year the summer opening of a 10-bed crisis unit at New Hampshire Hospital, House finance officials have said the state cannot afford that level of spending, especially because of increased costs due to two recent legal settlements, one involving the state's mental health system and another involving the Medicaid Enhancement Tax." [Nashua Telegraph, 3/31/15]

### Charles Bass

#### ***AFP-NH "Elected" Charlie Bass, Who Transformed Politically As He Received Over \$40,000 In Support From Koch-Backed Groups***

**AFP-NH State Director Lewandowski On His Biggest Successes: We "Elected" Charlie Bass.** According to the New Hampshire Business Review, "Corey Lewandowski, state director of Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire, says his organization is taking a 'long-term approach' in its fight for limited government, lower taxes and more freedom. [...] Q. What do you count as your biggest successes? A. We were very active in helping establish and brand the Tea Party movement here in New Hampshire. We believe in that same spirit of local control. We have recruited and endorsed candidates, and you saw what happened in 2010 - we helped put Republicans back in control of the State House and elected two congressmen (Charlie Bass and Frank Guinta) and Kelly Ayotte to the U.S. Senate." [New Hampshire Business Review, [8/10/12](#)]

**Boston Globe: Previously A Moderate, Bass Took A "Rightward Turn," As Exemplified By Him Signing AFP's Anti-Tax Pledge.** According to the Boston Globe, "Over the last two decades, two polarizing trends have transformed politics and marginalized moderate Republicans in the Granite State: the Democratic Party has strengthened, and conservatives have become the dominant force in the GOP. Bass had been one of those moderates. He followed the example of his father, Perkins Bass, and spent six terms in Congress starting in 1994, establishing a centrist record of his own but earning the wrath of conservatives, who dubbed him a RINO (Republican in name only). Then independent and Democratic voters tossed Bass from office in the war-weary, anti-incumbent atmosphere of 2006. Now, in his comeback bid, Bass, 58, has gambled on a rightward turn, seeking to firm up his conservative credentials with an embrace of the Tea Party movement. He signed an antitax pledge circulated by Americans for Prosperity, a deep-pocketed group that is bankrolling Tea Party organizing efforts around the country. Bass won the primary against two more conservative candidates." [Boston Globe, [10/25/10](#)]

- **AFP-NH Honorary Chairman Tom Thomson: Bass "Changed."** According to the Boston Globe, "I think Charlie has changed. He understands it's different now,' said Bass supporter Tom Thomson, honorary state chairman of Americans for Prosperity and son of the late Republican governor, Meldrim Thomson Jr.'" [Boston Globe, [10/25/10](#)]

**Honorary State Chairman Of Americans For Prosperity Thom Thomson Flew To D.C. To Attend Bass' Swearing In, Planned To Present Him With An Anti-Tax Banner.** According to the Valley News, "Orford Republican Tom Thomson and his wife, Sheila, flew to Washington to attend the swearings-in of the three GOP lawmakers from New Hampshire. 'It's a historical moment for me, with as many people who are coming to Congress, and also the Senate,' said Tom Thomson, an active Tea Partier and honorary state chairman of Americans for Prosperity. During the campaign, Tom Thomson wielded an oversized ax that once belonged to his late father, former Gov. Meldrim 'Ax the Tax' Thomson, as a

prop. But he flew to Washington with a tie clip, whittled out of wood, in the shape of an ax. 'I figure I can get through security with that, not the oversized ax,' Thomson said. He also planned to present Bass and new Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R- N.H., with banners reading, 'Lower taxes are the result of low spending.'" [Valley News, 1/6/11]

**Bass Co-Chaired AFP-NH's 2012 "Conservative Of The Year" Banquet.** According to the Union Leader, "The conservative issues group Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire is looking to duplicate the successful 'Conservative of the Year' banquet it held last April, honoring current candidate for governor Ovide Lamontagne. With several presidential candidates on hand, the event was viewed as the unofficial kickoff of the first-in-the-nation primary campaign. It also turned out to be the unofficial launch of Lamontagne's campaign. This year's event, set for April 20 at the Grappone Center in Concord, will honor U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, who narrowly defeated Lamontagne in the 2010 September primary and has emerged as a key player, especially among freshmen Republicans, in the Senate. [...] The event's co-chairs and host committee members are a 'Who's Who' of state Republican politics. Co-chairs include U.S. Reps. Charlie Bass and Frank Guinta; former Govs. Steve Merrill and John H. Sununu; and former U.S. Sens. Judd Gregg and John E. Sununu." [Union Leader, 2/23/12]

**AFP Gave Bass A "C" On Its Congressional Scorecard For The 112th Congress.** According to the Union Leader, "The conservative advocacy group Americans for Prosperity has issued its congressional scorecard for the 112th Congress, basing grades on a long list of tax and spending issues. The group's grading of last year's New Hampshire delegation contained no surprises. Shaheen received a 'D-,' while Sen. Kelly Ayotte and former Rep. Frank Guinta received 'B's' and former Rep. Charlie Bass received a 'C.'" [Union Leader, [2/22/13](#)]

### ***Charlie Bass Has Received Support From Koch-Backed Groups In Every Election Since 2010***

**The National Federation Of Independent Business Contributed \$2,500 To Republican Congressman Charles Bass In The 2010 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, The National Federation of Independent Business contributed \$2,500 to Republican Congressman Charles Bass in the 2010 Cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [9/4/15](#)]

**60 Plus Ran A Paid Radio Ad Thanking Rep. Charles Bass For His Stance On Medicare.** According to 60 Plus, "The 60 Plus Association, nationally recognized as the conservative alternative to the liberal AARP, today launched a new radio ad in New Hampshire's 2nd Congressional District, thanking Rep. Charles Bass for protecting Medicare during the recent budget debates." [60 Plus, [4/21/11](#)]

**The National Federation Of Independent Business Contributed \$1,000 To Republican Congressman Charles Bass In The 2012 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, The National Federation of Independent Business contributed \$1,000 to Republican Congressman Charles Bass in the 2012 Cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [9/4/15](#)]

**The NRA Reported Over \$40,000 In Spending In Support Of Charles Bass In 2014.** According to its 2014 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Freedom Partners provided a cash grant of \$4,895,000 for "general support" to the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action. According to the Federal Election Commission's Independent Expenditure Database, the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action spent a total of \$40,168.93 in support of Charles Bass. [2014 Form 990, Freedom Partners, archived [11/23/15](#); Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

### **Marilinda Garcia**

### ***Marilinda Garcia's 2014 Campaign For Congress Was Built By AFP And Backed By Over \$450,000 From Koch-Supported Groups***

**National Journal: "Instead Of The Party, Garcia's Biggest Institutional Backing Has Come From The Koch-Backed Grassroots Conservative Group Americans For Prosperity."** According to National Journal, "Instead of the party, Garcia's biggest institutional backing has come from the Koch-backed grassroots conservative group Americans for Prosperity, which has poured money into ads attacking Kuster and helped build Garcia's campaign." [National Journal, [3/28/14](#)]

**AFP "Helped Build Garcia's Campaign."** According to National Journal, "Instead of the party, Garcia's biggest institutional backing has come from the Koch-backed grassroots conservative group Americans for Prosperity, which has poured money into ads attacking Kuster and helped build Garcia's campaign." [National Journal, [3/28/14](#)]



- **National Journal: “When Former AFP Officials Started A New Consulting Firm That Aimed To Handpick And Groom ‘Electable Advocates Of The Freedom And Opportunity Agenda,’ They Chose Garcia As Their Very First Client.”** According to National Journal, “Instead of the party, Garcia's biggest institutional backing has come from the Koch-backed grassroots conservative group Americans for Prosperity, which has poured money into ads attacking Kuster and helped build Garcia's campaign. When former AFP officials started a new consulting firm that aimed to handpick and groom ‘electable advocates of the freedom and opportunity agenda,’ they chose Garcia as their very first client.” [National Journal, [3/28/14](#)]
- **Marilinda Garcia’s Campaign Was Managed By Aegis Strategic, A Consulting Firm With Deep Ties To The Koch Brothers.** According to Mother Jones, “A new political consulting firm with deep ties to the Koch brothers has quietly set up shop in Arlington, Virginia. [...] The consulting firm plans to handpick local, state, and federal candidates who share the Kochs' free-market, limited-government agenda, and groom them to win elections. ‘We seek out electable advocates of the freedom and opportunity agenda who will be forceful at both the policy and political levels,’ the company notes on its website. [...] Aegis Strategic's first client is Marilinda Garcia, a 31-year-old Republican serving her fourth term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives.” [Mother Jones, [1/17/14](#)]
- **Marilinda Garcia’s Campaign Consultant And Media Contact Was Former Nebraska State Director Of Americans For Prosperity, Brad Stevens Of Aegis Strategic LLC.** According to the New Hampshire Union Leader, “Her campaign consultant and media contact is Brad Stevens of Aegis Strategic LLC, a former Nebraska state director of the conservative advocacy group, Americans for Prosperity.” [Union Leader, [11/24/13](#)]

**Koch Industries Contributed \$12,600 To Republican Congressional Candidate Marilinda Garcia In The 2014 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Koch Industries PAC contributed \$12,600 to Republican Congressional Candidate Marilinda Garcia in the 2014 Cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [8/31/15](#)]

**David Koch Contributed \$2,600 To Republican Congressional Candidate Marilinda Garcia In The 2014 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, David Koch contributed \$2,600 to Republican Congressional Candidate Marilinda Garcia in the 2014 Cycle. [Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/31/15](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity Contributed \$5,200 To Republican Congressional Candidate Marilinda Garcia In The 2014 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Americans for Prosperity contributed \$5,200 to Republican Congressional Candidate Marilinda Garcia in the 2014 Cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [8/31/15](#)]

**The National Federation Of Independent Business Contributed \$2,500 To Republican Congressional Candidate Marilinda Garcia In The 2014 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, The National Federation of Independent Business contributed \$2,500 to Republican Congressional Candidate Marilinda Garcia in the 2014 Cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [9/4/15](#)]

**Freedom Partners Action Fund Reported Directing More Than \$30,000 To i360 In Support Of Marilinda Garcia In 2014.** According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, Freedom Partners Action Fund’s reported 2014 expenditures in support of Marilinda Garcia included \$15,097.50 and an estimated \$15,308.01 paid to i360 for phone calls. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**60 Plus Association Directed Voter Contact Assistance To Garcia’s Campaign.** According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, the 60 Plus Association spent a total of \$72.48 between 10/30/14 and 11/3/14 for the purpose of telephone voter contact in support of Marilinda Garcia. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**Club For Growth Reported Over \$350,000 In Spending In Support Of Marilinda Garcia.** According to its 2014 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Freedom Partners provided a cash grant of a million dollars for “general support” to Club for Growth. According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, Club for Growth spent a total of 353,256.92 on 8/26/14 for TV ad production costs and the ad buy for its “Laughable” ad in support of Marilinda Garcia. [2014 Form 990, Freedom Partners, archived [11/23/15](#); Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**The NRA Reported Nearly \$50,000 In Spending In Support Of Marilinda Garcia.** According to its 2014 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Freedom Partners provided a cash grant of \$4,895,000 for “general support” to the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action. According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action spent a total of \$48,818.02 in support of Marilinda Garcia. [2014 Form 990, Freedom Partners, archived [11/23/15](#); Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**Susan B Anthony List Dedicated Funds To Supporting Marilinda Garcia.** According to its 2014 Form 990 filing with the IRS, Freedom Partners provided a cash grant of \$225,000 for “general support” to Susan B Anthony List, Inc. According to the Federal Election Commission’s Independent Expenditure Database, Susan B Anthony List, Inc. spent a total of \$661.34 in support of Marilinda Garcia. [2014 Form 990, Freedom Partners, archived [11/23/15](#); Federal Election Commission, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

***The LIBRE Institute’s State Director Hosted A Fundraiser For Garcia, Who He Said, As A Latina Millennial, Was A Prize For The GOP***

**LIBRE New Hampshire State Director Stephen Viramontes Hosted A Fundraiser For Garcia, Who He Called “The GOP Hat Trick For Outreach.”** According to the Hill, “Stephen Viramontes, a state director at the Bush-linked LIBRE Initiative and a member of the host committee for the Thursday fundraiser, called Garcia, 30, ‘a hat-trick for the GOP,’ referencing the fact that she’s a female Hispanic millennial [sic]. ‘I don’t know why [the establishment] wouldn’t support her. It spits in the face of exactly what they’re trying to accomplish in reaching new pools of voters,’ he said. ‘I know there has been a lot of criticism about her being too fringe or too conservative for that district... but she’s essentially the GOP hat trick for outreach.’” [The Hill, [6/9/14](#)]

***Garcia Made Pledges To AFP Opposing ACA, Supporting Right To Work For Less, And Opposing Efforts To Combat Climate Change***

**Marilinda Garcia Signed AFP’s 2014 Candidate Pledge Which Included Promises For Passing Right To Work Laws And Opposing The ACA.** According to Americans for Prosperity, “Americans for Prosperity – New Hampshire (AFP-NH) today posted its initial round of 2014 candidate pledge signers to its website. The pledge was sent to all candidates for federal and state office. The list consists of candidates for U.S. Senate (Bob Smith, Jim Rubens), Governor (Walt Havenstein, Andrew Hemingway, Jonathan Smolin), U.S. House (Frank Guinta, Everett Jabour, Marilinda Garcia, Gary Lambert), as well as 23 State Senate candidates and numerous candidate for New Hampshire House. [...] The AFP-NH 2014 Candidate Pledge consists of items designed to enhance economic liberty, including, opposing tax increases, cutting spending, passing a Right to Work law in New Hampshire and opposing the Affordable Care Act, commonly called ObamaCare.” [Americans for Prosperity, [8/15/14](#)]

**Marilinda Garcia Signed Americans For Prosperity’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.”** According to Americans for Prosperity, “The New Hampshire chapter of the grassroots free-market group Americans for Prosperity (AFP-NH) today applauded New Hampshire State Representative Marilinda Garcia (Rockingham - 4th District) for signing the group’s ‘No Climate Tax Pledge.’ By doing so, Garcia pledges to ‘oppose legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in federal revenue.’” [Americans for Prosperity, [9/5/08](#)]

**Jennifer Horn**

***GOP Chair Jennifer Horn Served On AFP’s Advisory Board And AFP Contributed Over \$2,000 To Her Campaign***

**Republican GOP Chair Jennifer Horn Was The 2008 CD2 Nominee And Lost To Charles Bass In The Republican Primary In 2010.** According to PolitiFact, “Jennifer Horn, the chairman of the Republican Party of New Hampshire, is a two-time challenger for the New Hampshire’s 2nd congressional district. She won the Republican nomination in 2008, but eventually lost to Paul Hodes in the general election. In 2010, she lost to Charles Bass in the Republican primary. Horn lives in Nashua, New Hampshire, with her husband William Horn.” [PolitiFact, accessed [11/25/15](#)]

**Congressional Nominee Jennifer Horn Was Named To AFP's Advisory Board In 2008.** According to the Nashua Telegraph, "The anti-tax Americans for Prosperity added some high-profile Republicans to an advisory board led by Honorary State Chairman Tom Thomson, of Orford. They include 2008 congressional nominee Jennifer Horn, of Nashua; New Hampton state Rep. Fran Wendleboe; Weare state Rep Neal Kurk; former GOP legal counsel Gordon McDonald; former Health and Human Services communications director Greg Moore; and Concord conservative activist Chris Wood." [Nashua Telegraph, 5/17/09]

**Horn Spoke At AFP's 2009 Tea Party Rally.** According to the Union Leader, "The New Hampshire chapter of Americans for Prosperity, the host of the Concord event, has lined up a dozen speakers on government spending at local, state and federal levels. Like the Boston Tea Party, today's events are draped in symbolism. The great-grandson of the late Gov. Meldrim Thomson, whose 'ax the tax' slogan cemented a political pledge against a state income tax and sales tax, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance in Concord. Speakers will include small business owners, elected leaders and tax foes. They will include Republican Jennifer Horn, a journalist from Nashua who may run again for U.S. House, and state Rep. Neal Kurk, R-Weare, a veteran of state budget issues." [Union Leader, 4/15/09]

**Horn Was Set To Host A Fundraiser For AFP At Her Home.** According to the Nashua Telegraph, "Likely 2010 Republican congressional candidate Jennifer Horn will host a fundraiser for the anti-tax Americans for Prosperity group at her Nashua home on June 23." [Nashua Telegraph, 6/14/09]

**AFP Contributed \$2,300 To Horn In The 2010 Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Americans for Prosperity contributed \$2,300 to Republican Congressional Candidate Jennifer Horn in the 2010 Cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [8/31/15](#)]

**Concerned Women of America Backed Jennifer Horn In The GOP 2nd District U.S. House Primary.** According to the Union Leader, "Cornerstone Action PAC this week endorsed Jennifer Horn in the GOP 2nd District U.S. House primary. She has also been backed by Cornerstone's national partner, the Family Research Council, as well as the Susan B. Anthony List, and Concerned Women of America." [Union Leader, 7/22/10]

**Horn's "We The People" Nonprofit Signed On With AFP-NH As A Co-Sponsor Of A 2011 Anti-Tax Rally At The State House.** According to the Union Leader, "Conservative Jennifer Horn's new nonprofit 'We the People' has signed on with Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire and several other conservative groups as a co-sponsor of the April 15 anti-tax rally at the State House." [Union Leader, 3/20/11]

**Horn Was On The Host Committee For AFP-NH's 2012 "Conservative Of The Year" Banquet.** According to the Union Leader, "The conservative issues group Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire is looking to duplicate the successful 'Conservative of the Year' banquet it held last April, honoring current candidate for governor Ovide Lamontagne. With several presidential candidates on hand, the event was viewed as the unofficial kickoff of the first-in-the-nation primary campaign. It also turned out to be the unofficial launch of Lamontagne's campaign. This year's event, set for April 20 at the Grappone Center in Concord, will honor U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, who narrowly defeated Lamontagne in the 2010 September primary and has emerged as a key player, especially among freshmen Republicans, in the Senate. [...] The host committee includes House Speaker Bill O'Brien, House Majority Leader D.J. Bettencourt, Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley, RNC member Steve Duprey, state Sen. Jeanie Forrester, former state Sen. Bob Letourneau, conservative leader Jennifer Horn, Lamontagne, fellow GOP candidate for governor Kevin Smith, former RNC member Sean Mahoney, Deputy House speaker Pam Tucker, AFP-NH honorary chairman Tom Thomson, former state GOP Chairman Wayne Semprini, Executive Councilor Ray Wieczorek and former U.S. Rep. Bill Zeliff." [Union Leader, 2/23/12]

## 2016 Gubernatorial Race

### CHRIS SUNUNU

#### CHRIS SUNUNU PLEDGED LOYALTY TO THE KOCH AGENDA AS HE SOUGHT HIS POSITION ON NH'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**Chris Sununu Participated In An AFP Pledge Signing Event As Part Of His Bid To Be Elected To The State's Executive Council.** According to Foster's Daily Democrat, "Eighteen candidates from around the state gathered at Swasey Park for an Americans for Prosperity-sponsored event that saw the political hopefuls signing a pledge promising they will cut taxes and spending and look to reduce the size of government should they be elected. [...] The political hopefuls attending Tuesday's riverside gathering were nearly all Republican candidates ranging from gubernatorial candidates John Stephen and Jack Kimball to District 1 congressional candidates Rich Ashooh. Seacoast resident Chris Sununu -- the son of former governor and Republican State Party Chair John H. Sununu -- was on hand as part of his bid to be elected to the state's Executive Council." [Foster's Daily Democrat, 7/29/10]

#### KOCH SUPPORT FOR THE SUNUNUS GOES BACK AT LEAST TO THE 1990S

**Citizens For A Sound Economy Hosted A "Scrap The Code" Event In Bedford, New Hampshire Featuring Rep. John E. Sununu (R-N.H.) Of Bedford As The Flat Tax Advocate.** According to a FreedomWorks press release accessed via Highbeam Business, "Today, Rich Killion, state director of New Hampshire Citizens for a Sound Economy Foundation (CSEF) announced that 'Scrap the Code' -- CSEF's tax reform debate tour -- is coming to Bedford, New Hampshire. This debate will feature Rep. John E. Sununu (R-N.H.) of Bedford as the flat tax advocate and Rep. John Linder (R-Ga.) as the national sales tax defender." [Highbeam Business, [12/7/99](#)]

- **2006: 60 Plus Gave Its "Highest Honor," The "Guardian of Seniors' Rights' Award," To Sen. John Sununu: "Seniors Have No Finer Friend In Congress."** According to the office of Sen. John E. Sununu via US Fed News, "The office of Sen. John E. Sununu, R-N.H., issued the following press release: Sen. John Sununu (R-NH) recently received the 60 Plus Association's 'Guardian of Seniors' Rights' award - the group's highest honor. The national non-partisan organization honored members of the Senate and House who have worked to advance issues of importance to America's seniors during the 109th Congress. 'Senior citizens know they can depend on Senator John Sununu to always protect their monthly Social Security benefits. Senator Sununu can also be counted on to work hard to lower the costs of their Medicare benefits,' said Jim Martin, President of the 60 Plus Association. 'Seniors have no finer friend in Congress than Senator Sununu.'" [Sen. Sununu office, 6/16/06]