

Dear Friends and Neighbors of Ward 1,

My name is Allison Zito; and I am running for the State House of Representatives in Ward 1 of Sullivan County. I have a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of the Arts. I work as an artist and teacher at the AVA Gallery and in Claremont, NH. I have worked with Claremont Parks and Recreation Department, the Arrowhead Recreation Club, Spark Community Center, Claremont Farmers Market and Habitat for Humanity to provide free art programs at many special events in our community. I substitute in the SAU6 School District.

I feel strongly that we must provide employment with a **living wage** to all who work in our community. It will encourage more people to join the working community. It will create a sense of pride in our workforce and ensure workers are able to support local businesses. A living wage will discourage illegal activity. A proud workforce creates a stronger community.



Too many people have worked far too hard, for far too long, for far too little. I see their children, full of potential. They deserve a better fate. All those parents struggling to care for their families day to day; they are someones beautiful children too. They deserve better and I'm going to do what I can to insure that happens. Our Federal Government has let them down; but we must and can fix this at the state level! I do not want to hurt local business. I am not proposing to double the minimum wage all at once. But employers will find a better paid worker is more productive, less overwhelmed with burdens and has pride in their work. We can pay it on the front end or the back end. Make no mistake we will pay either way. It is easier and less expensive to raise healthy, intelligent children than to fix a broken adult. Even one broken adult is potential lost and a deep sadness to our entire community.

Those adults who have not managed to overcome our deplorable wages and rising costs, need our help to get back on track. Some have found themselves addicted to drugs, to endure a life without hope. Others have taken to illegal activities because legal jobs pay soul crushing, family destroying wages. When I was growing up, there was an American Dream. CEO's should not be making 354 times the salary of their employees. No other country in the world allows this disparaging difference. That's 12 million dollars to your 34 thousand dollar income. Corporations should not be counted as people unless they intend to share the full burden and responsibility of being a person. **I support small businesses;** they support our local economy.

We need to **protect our environment.** I would not support the Northern Pass which would endanger our beautiful White Mountains, our ground water and wildlife. I would support a ban on bee killing pesticides. I support everyone's **"Right To Know"** what they are eating and serving their families. I **support local farmers** and the sustainable practices we must adopt and maintain, in order to feed our population a healthy diet.

I support **Planned Parenthood;** who provides numerous reproductive health services for both men and women.

I support **older Americans** right to dignity in their golden years.

I support our **Veterans** and their families who have sacrificed so much.

I support **people with special needs**. We all have something unique to contribute if given the tools and opportunity.

I support **sustainable energy**. I would like to see Nuclear reactors phased out so we do not have another Fukushima disaster. I would adopt the plan of the Architecture 2030 foundation to commit to real change toward a sustainable world.

Claremont has many **exceptional teachers, staff and administration** who provide education to our children. I would like to implement through granting foundations additional education that encourages students to take up the challenges they will need to face now and in the future, such as Farm to School Programs, and Solar Sprint Challenges. **I support the Arts**. The Arts can provide meaningful self expression and a practical application of the core curriculum. They develop critical thinking skills and prepare students to be leaders.

I will support and stay true to the people of my district and will listen to your concerns and suggestions. When everyone has the opportunities to explore, refine and share the best of themselves, we will have a truly outstanding community.

All people need the **legal promise of equality**. Everyone must have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I would honor our founding fathers, including the **2nd amendment** and rail against multinational corporate take over of our government, and the use of government for personal gain. Our government is by the people and for the people and I intend to keep it that way!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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