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The upcoming election will determine our state's future. As a New Hampshire voter, do you want our state legislature to continue down the same reckless, hostile path as the last two years?

The far-right majority in our legislature is out-of-touch with our New Hampshire values and seeks to undermine our communities. Many Republican lawmakers are Free-Staters. 150 of them earned the Libertarian seal of approval. Extremists with a dangerous anti-government, anti-democratic agenda occupy seats at all levels of our state government.

Our current GOP-controlled legislature passed terrible bills that are really harmful to our economy, our families and our communities. For instance, they restricted voting rights for thousands of qualified voters including military serving overseas. They barred enforcement of the bi-partisan federal firearms legislation. In our traditionally pro-choice state, they passed the first abortion ban in modern history.

The far-right majority defunded our public schools, diverting over \$8 million of our tax dollars to private and religious schools. They banned honest education and cut core curriculum. Republicans refuse to adequately invest in energy efficiency and clean energy alternatives, ignoring the fact that NH residents pay some of the highest electricity rates in the country.

Many Republican candidates hide behind their party affiliation and downplay or outright deny their extremist beliefs. They promote the myth of wide-spread voter fraud to foster distrust in our democratic institutions. Some NH Reps want to secede from the United States.

If elected, far-right Republicans will continue to defund necessary public services and dismantle our government including our election and court systems. They will strip away more rights from women and minorities.

Be informed. Your vote means a lot. Elect Democrats for commonsense policies that support a strong economy and healthy, resilient communities where all individuals, families and businesses can thrive.

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