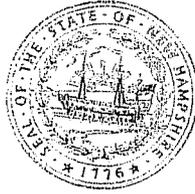


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An Open Letter to Constituents from Executive Councilor Debora Pignatelli

The Executive Council is a body of five people elected from five districts throughout the State. My district consists of the southern border communities from Hudson and Nashua to Milford to Peterborough to Swanzey and towns northwest from Merrimack, Weare, Dunbarton, and up to Hillsborough. The Council has been in existence since colonial times and its job is to serve as both a check as well as an advisor to the governor. Actually, the governor needs 3 votes to appoint a judge or state agency head, to enter into any contract greater than \$10,000 and to confirm appointees to state boards and commissions.

Appointments of judges are crucial decisions. Judges serve until age 70, and must be thoroughly vetted before they are put into such a position of power. Governor Hassan recently nominated 4 judges for our District Court system. The Council holds Public Hearings before confirming nominees. In my 7 years on the Council, I can say that I have been very impressed with the individuals who have been willing to serve on our Judiciary.

One of my jobs is to try to ensure we are getting good state contracts for the billions we spend. Though that is a statewide responsibility, I have been very happy to support many substantial contracts benefiting my district and the businesses within it.

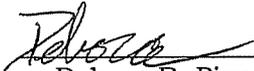
The Council is in charge of the ten-year highway plan. I have held hearings in my district to get input from town leaders and citizens and the Regional Planning Commissions on what is needed in their areas. All state projects eventually get ranked, and the hearings are important. Unfortunately, money is scarce.

We also approve nomination of State Agency Heads. As you would expect, they are truly key people in carrying out the business of the state and delivering services to the people. I always said I would support only people who believe in the mission of their agencies, who are good listeners, and who will work hard. I began the process of holding Public Hearings on nominees to lead our important State Agencies. I believe opening up this process to the public makes it more transparent and allows citizens to have a say in who these important leaders will be.

I am always encouraging people in my district to let me know if they have an interest in serving on a state board or commission. It is service that most often becomes an enjoyable experience. The Governor and councilors are always looking for good people. Take the opportunity to get involved if you have the time. And be sure to let me know if I can help you.

One of the important duties is to assist communities in their dealings with state government. I always enjoy trying to help out my cities and towns. I have tried to assist many people in many ways, and I make myself available to my constituents if I can be of help in state government matters. First, check the Council website at www.nh.gov/council. You can write me at the State House in Concord, e-mail me at dpignatelli@nh.gov or call at 888-5245 (home office) or 271-3632 (State House office).

Again, thank you for electing me to this position as Executive Councilor. I enjoy the work very much. I expect more good things for our beautiful state.


Debora B. Pignatelli
Executive Councilor, 2013

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