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CONSERVATION VOTERS GROUP ANNOUNCES ENDORSEMENTS FOR STATE SENATE

Has raised over \$50,000 to support election efforts

Concord, NH... The Granite State Conservation Voters Alliance today announced its slate of endorsed candidates for the State Senate. In all, GSCVA has endorsed six candidates running in competitive races across the state.

"Our goal this election cycle is to change the composition of the state senate to one that consistently votes to protect our natural resources," said Jim O'Brien, GSCVA Executive Director. "The past several years has seen a Senate which has acted as a roadblock to passing common sense legislation that would protect our environment. We hope that the upcoming elections will bring about new leadership who will make our environment a priority."

Among the list of endorsed candidates was one incumbent Senator, four challengers, and one candidate for an open seat. GSCVA endorsed **Sen. Bob Odell, Harold Janeway, Molly Kelly, Betsi DeVries, Jacalyn Cilley, and Bob Backus.**

Endorsements were given to candidates who have agreed to make the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources a priority. GSCVA's Board of Directors gave consideration to races where GSCVA's endorsement and financial commitment would make a difference in the outcome of a race.

GSCVA also announced that it has raised over \$50,000 to date to support its political efforts. The money will be used to help elect its endorsed candidates through direct contributions, campaign support and independent expenditures.

"Voters have a clear choice this election between candidates who will make the environment a priority, and those who continue to vote against environmental protection. By specifically targeting races and making the environmental a campaign issue, we hope to change the atmosphere in Concord to one that supports protecting New Hampshire's environment for future generations," concluded O'Brien.

The Granite State Conservation Voters Alliance is a bi-partisan, statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting New Hampshire's environment by making it a priority for our elected leaders. GSCVA was established with the advice and encouragement of New Hampshire's conservation leaders to perform a critical role – hold state legislators accountable for their votes and inform the public about key environmental issues under debate by the Legislature. For more information, please visit www.VoteConservation.org



2006 GSCVA endorsed candidates for the State Senate



District 6 – Jacalyn Cilley

During her first term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, Jacalyn Cilley has proven her leadership on environmental issues. Jacalyn was the major force behind legislation that was signed into law by Governor Lynch that provides greater protection for NH's groundwater. Cilley received a 91% rating from GSCVA for her environmental votes.



District 7 – Harold Janeway

Harold Janeway is a very familiar face to anyone who has worked for or volunteered with a New Hampshire environmental or non-profit organization. Harold has been a leading force behind many leading New Hampshire organizations including the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, The Nature Conservancy, The Endowment for Health, Canterbury Shaker Village and the NH Charitable Foundation.



District 8 – Bob Odell

Senator Odell has become a leading voice for New Hampshire's environmental in the Senate. Over the past several sessions, Bob Odell has sponsored numerous important pieces of legislation including increased funding for LCHIP, efforts to reduce mercury pollution, and legislation to impose a moratorium on the burning of construction and demolition debris.



District 10 – Molly Kelly

Molly Kelly has made the protection of NH's environment, and more specifically, funding for land conservation, a key message of her campaign. Molly understands that New Hampshire's economy and quality of life is directly linked to New Hampshire's environment. Molly believes that protecting our natural resources is essential to maintaining the New Hampshire advantage.



District 16 – Bob Backus

Bob Backus has been a leader in advocating on behalf of New Hampshire's environment and natural resources for the past 30 years. He is an expert on conservation and energy issues, and has served on the Board of Director's of multiple environmental and consumer advocacy organizations including the Conservation Law Foundation, the Campaign for Ratepayer's Rights, and the NH Bar Foundation.



District 18 – Betsi DeVries

Betsi DeVries has spent her career serving the Manchester community as a firefighter, Alderman, State Representative and as a volunteer in a variety of civic organizations including the Crystal Lake Preservation Association and as a member of the Pine Island Pond Environment Society. As a leader in a fast growing urban community, Betsi has worked to preserve open space and protect Manchester's historic properties and natural resources.

The Granite State Conservation Voters Alliance would also like to thank the following State Senators whose voting record proves they make the protection of our environment a priority: **Peter Burling, Sylvia Larsen, Iris Estabrook, Martha Fuller Clark, and Maggie Hassan.**