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GSCVA ENDORSES HOLLINGWORTH IN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRIMARY

*Cites long history of leadership on protecting NH's environment
Contrasts Senate record with that of Republican candidates Prescott and Morse*

Portsmouth, NH. The Granite State Conservation Voters Alliance today endorsed former Senate President Beverly Hollingworth in her primary race for the open Executive Council seat in District 3. Voters will go to the polls on September 12th to vote to elect candidates in each party to face off in November.

"This is one of the most important races in the state," said Jim O'Brien, Executive Director. "Voters here will have a real impact in shaping the future environmental policy of NH. When looking at the candidates, it is important that voters know the voting records, and values, candidates will bring with them."

Hollingworth was joined by GSCVA Board members Roger Stephenson (Stratham), Rick Russman (Kingston) and Amanda Merrill (Durham).

"In the Senate, Bev Hollingworth was a proven leader when it came to conservation issues," said Amanda Merrill, a GSCVA Board member from Durham. "She has spent her political career fighting to protect our land, water and natural resources. Beverly Hollingworth brings with her a depth of experience that is unparalleled in this race. GSCVA is proud to endorse Beverly in her primary campaign and hope that the voters in District 3 elect her on September 12th."

Rick Russman, Chairman of GSCVA's Board of Directors, compared Beverly Hollingworth's environmental voting record in the Senate with Senator Morse and former Senator Prescott who are seeking the Republican nomination.

"The voting records and leadership on environmental issues couldn't be different," said Russman. "While Beverly has been a leader on protecting our land and water resources, Prescott and Morse have consistently voted against common sense environmental protection."

LCHIP Funding: Both Chuck Morse and Russ Prescott have voted against funding for the popular Land and Community heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). Morse was only one of five Senators to vote against the modest funding of the program this session. Prescott voted for the 2003 budget which slashed LCHIP funding by over 90%.

Groundwater: Chuck Morse was one of five Senators to vote against SB 386, the bi-partisan legislation designed to protect NH's groundwater by giving local towns greater say over their water resources. Fortunately, SB 386 was signed into law over the objections of Senator Morse. When in the Senate, Russell Prescott voted against SB 410, a bill similar to SB 386 which was designed to strengthen existing groundwater laws.

Mercury Reduction: Chuck Morse voted against HB 371 which would have banned disposing of mercury products in NH landfills and incinerators. Russ Prescott voted against HB 366 which would have restricted the sale and distribution of mercury containing products in NH.

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.