

## BAF-NH Coalition Member Biographies

### **State Senator Peter Bragdon, Senate President, BAF-NH Coalition Co-chair**

Serving as president of the New Hampshire State Senate, State Senator Peter Bragdon holds the highest elected Republican position in the state. Republicans and Democrats alike hold Bragdon in high regard. State Senator Bragdon's position and popularity will prove to be beneficial in his position as the state coalition's co-chair. As State co-chairman, State Senator Bragdon will take the lead on media opportunities, intercepts, and general activity. Bragdon has also been actively involved with growing the coalition.

### **Manchester Alderman Garth Corriveau**

Garth Corriveau is a well-respected Democrat within the state. He served as President of the New Hampshire Young Democrats and was elected to represent Ward 6 on the Manchester Board of Mayor and Aldermen. He considered a run for Mayor of Manchester, but decided in May 2011 to run for re-election of his Board of Mayor and Aldermen seat.

### **Kevin Smith, Executive Director of Cornerstone Policy Research, GOP Gubernatorial candidate**

As Executive Director of Cornerstone Policy Research, the top center-right grassroots organization in the state, Kevin Smith is a well-respected thought leader amongst conservatives in the state. Mr. Smith is popular with social conservatives, and on November 16, Mr. Smith announced he was seeking the GOP nomination for governor.

### **State Senator Chuck Morse (R-22), Senate Finance Committee Chair**

Hailing from Salem, State Senator Chuck Morse represents a district where the expansion of Interstate 93 is currently being implemented.

### **State Senator Jim Rausch (R-19), Senate Transportation Committee Chair**

As Transportation Committee Chair since 2011, State Senator Jim Rausch is one of the highest respected voices on infrastructure issues. State Senator Rausch's district includes Derry, the largest town in NH along I-93.

### **State Senator John Gallus (R-1)**

State Senator John Gallus represents the entire North Country, an area of the state with the most infrastructure needs. The North Country, located in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, is a more rural area that has in recent years lost manufacturing jobs. In order to make up for the lost revenue, the area has been trying to aggressively market itself as an outdoors and recreation destination. The North Country is home to numerous structurally deficient bridges and poor roads. His understanding of these issues facing his home district will make him a tremendous asset on the coalition. State Senator Gallus is a member of the Energy and Natural Resources and Finance Committees.

### **State Senator Bob Odell (R-08)**

State Senator Bob Odell is serving his fifth term and currently is the longest serving and one of the most respected Republicans in the New Hampshire Senate. Hailing from the North Country, State Senator Odell will help give the coalition statewide reach. State Senator Odell is Chairman of Ways and Means, a member of the Energy, Environment and Economic Development Committee, and the Finance Committee.

### **State Senator Gary Lambert (R-13)**

State Senator Gary Lambert represents Nashua, which is the second largest city in the state. He uses public transportation and owns his own law firm.

### **Former State Senator Bob Letourneau**

As a former State Senator from District 19, Bob Letourneau served as Chair of the Transportation Committee for a decade. In 2010 he announced he would not seek re-election due to personal financial reasons. Mr. Letourneau continues to be one of the most respected voices on infrastructure issues.



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### **State Representative Candace Bouchard (D-11)**

State Representative Candace Bouchard hails from Concord, located in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, and is serving her seventh term in the House. From 2007-2010, she served as Chair of the House Public Works and Highways Committee and the Capital Budget Overview Committee.

### **State Representative John Cloutier (D-4)**

State Representative John Cloutier is from Claremont, which located in Southern New Hampshire along the Vermont border in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. State Representative Cloutier has been a member of the State House since 1992 and currently serves as a clerk in the House Public Works and Highways Committee, a position he has held since 2006.

### **Executive Councilor Ray Burton (District 1), Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire**

Ray Burton serves as the Executive Councilor on the Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Burton has represented District 1 on the Executive Council since 1977. From the North Country, he is a very conservative member.

### **John Lyons, Chairman of the New Hampshire State Board of Education**

An attorney by profession, John Lyons is the current Chairman of the New Hampshire State Board of Education, a position he has held since 2009. Prior to this, he served as the chair of the Board of Directors of the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and as president of the Portsmouth Rotary. As a native of Portsmouth, which is located in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, Mr. Lyons understands the importance of the infrastructure improvements for the state's waterways and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

### **Maureen Barrows, Rockingham County Commissioner**

Maureen Barrows, a Republican, serves as Rockingham County Commissioner, a position that has helped make her well-known throughout the county. Her position is important to the coalition as both I-93 and I-95 run through her county, in addition to passenger rail. Rockingham is the second largest county in the state, and the largest county in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, which represented by U.S. Representative Frank Guinta (R).

### **Rockingham County Sheriff Mike Downing (R)**

Sheriff Mike Downing will be an asset to the coalition as both I-93 and I-95 run through Rockingham County, in addition to passenger rail. Rockingham is the second largest county in the state, and the largest county in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, which is represented by U.S. Representative Frank Guinta (R). Prior to his position as sheriff, Mr. Downing represented District 22 in the State Senate from 2006-2010, where he was a member of the Capitol Budget, Executive Departments and Administrative, Ways and Means, and Health and Human Services Committees. Mr. Downing also served in the State House for three terms from 1996-2002, where he was a member of the Ways and Means and Resources, Recreation and Development Committees.

### **Tony Guinta, President/CEO of American Energy Independence Company**

As the current President and CEO of American Energy Independence Company, former mayor of Franklin, and Director of Waste Management for the state's Department of Environmental Services, Tony Guinta brings a unique perspective on energy and environmental issues to the coalition.