

NH State Senate District 7 Citizen's fund

In NH, State Senate races are six-digit affairs, and candidates need to spend their time begging large donors to help them run. Significant candidate time and energy is sucked away doing this. Can you imagine sitting down every day to cold-call people for two hours and ask them for money? Neither can almost any of the candidates when they sign up - but the system is tilted in that direction. Not nearly as bad as at the federal level, but - it's not good.

Some large donors are simply fortunate people who are deeply concerned about public affairs.

But our current Senator Dan Innis is an example of a different kind of system. Looking at his campaign finance statements, it's a list of business interests. Often it's very easy to draw a straight line between contributions and the bills he's filed, the causes he's loudly championed and the votes he's taken.

We need a Democratic alternative - not just a Democratic candidate who wins a general election against Dan, but a Democratic alternative to this system.

Town committees from across our State Senate District met on Wednesday to talk about how to organize a stronger grassroots presence and this was one of the ideas the Warner Democrats brought. We've discussed it with the state party Senate Caucus and Finance Director and are following their advice on how to manage it.

The basic pitch is that we build a fund from donors giving a recurring donation of \$5 per month. It's always pooling money, and that money is then released once per cycle to support the Democratic State Senate nominee. With 200 subscribers we can make sure the Senate nominee has a professional campaign manager to assist them as they campaign across 22 towns. With 1000 we could fund an entire campaign, and the candidate could focus entirely on talking to voters rather than donors.”

Please consider a contribution to the [Senate District Seven Citizens Fund](#).