



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
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Governor

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The Honorable Donna Soucy  
Democratic Leader  
New Hampshire State Senate  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Senator Soucy:

Per your request, I am following up our phone conversation. Recently, the power brokers in the Democrat party in Washington have made it clear that they believe New Hampshire's time is up.

Washington Democrats are so misinformed, they chose South Carolina to take our place. In 2020, South Carolina's Presidential primary had a turnout of just 16%, while we set records.

In 2020, the last time an incumbent President was on the ballot, South Carolina cancelled the Primary, depriving voters of a choice, ensuring the power brokers in the state party chose who to award delegates to. So to be clear, the National Democrat Party is proposing to move the First-in-the-Nation primary to a state that is unlikely to even hold a Democrat election. That's absurd.

But I have a message for them and President Biden — you can try to come and take it — but that is Never. Going. To. Happen. It's just not in our DNA to take orders from Washington.

We will not be blackmailed. We will not be threatened, and we will not give up. You see — the New Hampshire Primary has stood the test of time, giving everyone a fair shot.

No matter your name ID, the money in your campaign account, or the elected office you held before running for President, for over 100 years, New Hampshire has given voice to lesser-known candidates and provided a pathway to the presidency for anyone dedicated enough to test their mettle with the voters of New Hampshire.

And this is an issue that we, across party lines stand in unison on. The NH State Democrat Party, The NH State Republican Party, The Democrat led Federal Delegation and the Republican Governor, House and Senate all stand together pushing back on this attempt to erode such an important process. It's as strong of a bipartisan message as you've ever seen in New Hampshire.

Mark my words. Come next year, Secretary of State Scanlan WILL ensure that New Hampshire remains as the First in the Nation Presidential Primary

Sincerely,



Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor

Praise