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BEAVERS ANNOUNCES BID FOR MAINE HOUSE - DISTRICT 148

Roberta Beavers has announced her candidacy for Representatives to the Maine Legislature, District #148, which includes all of Eliot and part of South Berwick.

As a former business owner, Roberta Beavers understands the need to support small business development as a basis for strengthening our economy and bringing jobs to the area. She states "Maine needs to decide what businesses (green, biotech, etc) it wants to attract, develop meaningful, powerful incentives and court the companies in those businesses so we can gain a reputation as a state friendly to those businesses."

Beavers states "I have been listening carefully to the people of Eliot and South Berwick, respecting their concerns and advocating for them in Augusta and will continue to do so. Two of the most critical, she says, are energy and healthcare costs. Since Maine consumes less power than it exports, Beavers says, "Let's run our own electricity system or join the neighboring Canadian grid and reduce the barriers to clean renewable energy resources. The Canadians are willing to talk, and we should be too." To reduce our healthcare costs, she says. "Let's get rid of the near monopoly by one health insurance company. The situation here is reaching critical mass. Our people and our businesses are being hurt badly. Without radical change, there will be no improvement in the overall business environment."

Over the past three years Beavers has learned the ropes in Augusta as an advocate for adoptees. She has worked with legislators, state/private agencies and the media. Beavers has experienced how the Maine legislature works regarding bill sponsorship, submitting legislation, lobbying legislators, public hearings and committee work sessions. She co-authored the bill, which has no fiscal note, and handpicked the bipartisan team of sponsors for the successful 2007 adoptee human rights bill, which goes into effect in January 2009. Earlier this year she gave a well-received presentation on her legislative work in Maine at the American Adoption Congress annual conference in Portland, Oregon.

Beavers seeks to put her 40 years of business, research, social services and community leadership experience to work for the citizens of Eliot and part of South Berwick. Her experience includes 18 years in the chemical industry as a research chemist, marketing analyst and marketing manager and 7 years as a small business owner in computers. She gained her greatest career satisfaction as a career counselor and as an art gallery manager for non-profit organizations.

As a mother and grandmother, Beavers recognizes the need to strengthen our families, provide opportunities for our children and be stewards of our environment. Her community volunteer work includes fundraising for and/or working with the South Berwick Library, William Fogg Library (Eliot), Eliot Garden Club, South Berwick Garden Club, Great Works Regional Land Trust, as well as the Senior Leadership Coalition and the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast. She also spent several years as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a trained volunteer position, to advocate for abused and/or neglected children.

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