

To the Editor,

I am running for re-election as one of the two state representatives for the Arlington, Manchester, Sandgate, and Sunderland district. I have the expertise and the experience to develop effective policies to take advantage of opportunities and to solve problems.

State policies often fail to achieve our goals: contradictory policies are at cross purposes, and political rhetoric guides legislation rather than economic reality. I work for policies that will actually work for us.

Serving on the House Ways and Means Committee I helped pass reforms that make the Vermont income tax simpler, more equitable, and more effective. I pushed for using extra state revenue to keep education property tax rates as low as possible. I resisted a potential increase in the Rooms and Meals tax, which would have affected our local hospitality industry. In terms of other major legislation, I supported the regulation of guns to protect community safety.

If re-elected I will work to reform education property taxes by preventing state use of the Education Fund for non-education purposes and by controlling education costs. I would continue work to prevent air and water pollution by ensuring that the state does not subsidize pollution or fossil fuel use, and by making polluters pay for the costs of their activities. And I will be pushing for more state investments in telecommunications for economic development and in opiate treatment and control for community safety.

I can be reached at cbrowning@leg.state.vt.us or 802.375.9019, www.cynthiabrowning.com , and on Facebook. I continue to hold legislative “office hours” over breakfast at Chauncey’s on Route 7A in Arlington every Saturday from 8 to 9:30 am.

I ask for one of your two votes in the August Democratic primary and, again, I hope, in November.

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