

To the Editor,

I am writing to enthusiastically support Cynthia Browning for reelection as our Bennington - 4 State Representative.

As an Arlington resident, Cynthia has been an informed and educated voice for our economically dynamic and diverse district. She has demonstrated her commitment to our district, focusing on the three most important issues facing Southwestern Vermont: taxation, the environment and energy.

With a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan, Cynthia understands the complex funding issues in Montpelier. She is fighting hard to make sure Education Finance Reform takes place so that our property taxes are not the only source of funds supporting our great K-12 programs. She has proposed solutions that will both improve our schools and slow property tax growth.

She has been steadfast in protecting the precious natural resources in The Batten Kill Valley. Her work with the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance has focused on improving and protecting the health of the Batten Kill ecosystem while at the same time working with the landowners to improve their riparian land and protect it for future use. In doing both, she is ensuring that vital tourism dollars will continue to pour into our communities as people come to enjoy this amazing river valley.

Cynthia is also working hard to make sure Vermont rate payers are the first priority for the utilities in Vermont. She is pushing to remove fossil fuel subsidies for Vermont utility companies because she knows that investments in efficiency, conservation, & small scale renewable energy are the only solution to keep rates low while at the same time reducing climate change emissions.

I am proud of the work that Cynthia has accomplished for the citizens of our district. Simply put, she deserves to be reelected.

Sincerely,

Bill Bullock
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