Dear Cornish, Grantham and Plainfield Residents,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful summer and as I, are looking forward to a spectacular fall...and then let's hope for snow to keep our businesses alive that depend upon four seasons of tourism.

I was in Zambia this summer for two weeks on vacation and will share that with you in a few months with some pictures...I took about three thousand pictures...that is the trouble with digital...you can click and delete but I did not want to wear down my battery so delete did not happen!

We were called in to Session a few weeks ago to vote on the Governor's veto on HB 143: an act relative to the apportionment of damages in civil cases...I voted with the Governor on that Bill and was pleased to see that his veto held. Also on that day, the Senate refused to suspend the rules to see that the Bill requiring students to remain in school until they are 18 not start in 2007 but in fact 2009...it was a very unfair decision in my opinion and very much confused and insulted our constituents...we will right this situation in January.

I am very proud of the House and Senate for putting forth many Bills that were beneficial for our constituents...kindergarten, head start funding, increased money for higher education, college courses for high school students saving the students tuition costs, funding for alternative education, minimum wage increase, a stronger Health Insurance Program for children, elimination of the waiting list for developmental disability services, stronger lead poisoning laws, banning smoking in bars and restaurants and a decrease in turkey permits if you buy both a spring and fall permit as a single one! I could go on but I know that most of you are keeping up to date on what goes on in Concord and as always I am happy to talk with you about any issues...

Would people like to meet once a month and discuss issues with Matthew Houde and me??? We were thinking that we could do this Sunday evenings at 7 pm and we thought that if we got a definite five people we would trial this on October 14th at my house. So, if you are interested please call to reserve your spot! This will not be a political candidate meeting...these meetings will be for local issues and concerns to be discussed in a non-partisan atmosphere.

AND...please join Petey, the Jack Russell Terrorist and me...and a million other walkers and dogs for

MILLION DOG MARCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 2:00 TO 4:00 at the STATEHOUSE CONCORD RAIN OR SHINE

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Cheers, Carla Skinder 542-6065 465 East Road Cornish