

SENATOR DAVID PIERCE

Thank you for the great honor of representing you in the State Senate. Having served three terms in the state House of Representatives I look forward to the new challenge of representing District 5 in the Senate.

I will work to help restore a balance to the legislature and commit to you that I will focus on meeting our challenges through common-sense solutions and collaboration.

My goal as your Senator is to work with anyone of any political party to solve the problems that we face, maintain an efficient state government that works for all New Hampshire citizens, and protect the quality of life we all enjoy. I will be supportive of policies that foster economic and job growth with fiscally responsible and balanced budgets. I will also work to enhance educational opportunities for our children and workers, ensure access to high quality health care, protect our shared environment and safeguard civil rights and public safety for all our citizens.

It's still early in the new session. The next six months will focus primarily on the state budget. We will need to focus that effort on growing our economy and creating jobs while guaranteeing that the state keep its commitment to support our most vulnerable friends and neighbors.

We are already taking action on jobs and the economy. The Senate has already voted unanimously to double the research and development tax credit. Doubling, and making this tax credit permanent will provide significant contributions to productivity and the overall economy in terms of additional private research spending, employment and wages. Innovation and technological advancement are important factors affecting productivity, economic growth and living standards in New Hampshire.

The Senate has also already voted unanimously for Senate Bill 40, a school funding bill that I co-sponsored for quick action that releases already-appropriated money to school districts. Because of SB 40, Plainfield will not have to raise property taxes an additional \$23,000 to balance its school budget.

I have been appointed to serve on the Commerce Committee and the Public & Municipal Affairs Committee, which will hold public hearings on various pieces of important legislation throughout the session. I invite you to contact me to discuss your concerns about these or any legislative issue. I can be reached at David.Pierce@leg.state.nh.us or 271-2118.

Sincerely,
Senator David Pierce