



**RE-ELECT** Representative

# SANDY HAAS

**A RESPECTED VOICE** for Windsor-Rutland-2: Bethel, Pittsfield, Rochester, & Stockbridge



Dear Neighbor,

I am asking for your vote to send me back to Montpelier next year to continue the work I began this term. It has been truly exciting to apply my 30 years of legal experience and 25 years working in my community to the issues facing the state. We have made some progress, but there is more work to do, and I want the chance to find the best solutions for Vermont and this very special mountain district.

We know the heart of our towns rests in the strong community spirit in each of our four towns. We rely on precious volunteers for many of our most important services. The state itself is also a community on a larger scale. Working together with capable, committed people from around the state, I know we can craft solutions to our problems.

I look forward to hearing more from you and hope I can count on your vote in November.



- *House Human Services Committee*
- *Legislative Committee on the Vermont State Colleges*
- *Rural Economic Development Working Group*
- *Co-Chair, Women's Caucus*
- *State Director, Women in Government*
- *Cervical Cancer Task Force*
- *Working Vermonters Caucus*

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**WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR:**

### UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ✓

We still need to move to a universal health care system. Numerous competing insurance company “products” will just perpetuate the strain on teacher contracts, the inequity between competing businesses and the disincentive to seek early diagnosis when huge deductibles get in the way. We must evaluate the administrative waste that could be eliminated by a single payer system. Our health care dollars should be spent for medical care, not complex claims processing.

### WISE CORRECTIONS POLICY ✓

In 15 years Vermont’s corrections budget has ballooned from 4% to 10% of our general fund budget. The increase for women offenders is even more dramatic. Most imprisoned women have children who are thrown into the foster care system with a greater likelihood of becoming the next generation of offenders. We must think smarter about how we use state resources to divert at-risk youth into job training and away from destructive behavior.

### SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS ✓

Small (or micro) business development is another area where we need new thinking. Reliance on market forces to bring broadband access has left our hillside home businesses unserved. Rather than a bidding war to attract big corporations, we need strategies to encourage homegrown entrepreneurs. More local businesses will strengthen our communities, keep our dollars circulating close to home and reduce our need to devote time and expense to commuting.

### FAIR EDUCATION FUNDING ✓

Education funding needs a fresh analysis. The current system is not working for our communities. The “penalty” provision was championed by lawmakers bent on “cost containment.” Because too many costs cannot be contained — heat and special ed, for example — our local schools are being slapped for doing their jobs. We must revisit this issue.

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