

State Representative Laura Sibilía has announced she will run for re-election to the Vermont House of Representatives for the newly created Windham-2 District which includes the towns of Dover, Jamaica, Somerset, Stratton and Wardsboro. Sibilía is currently serving her fourth term as a member of the House representing the Windham/Bennington district. This district, which includes the towns of Dover, Readsboro, Searsburg, Somerset, Stamford, Wardsboro and Whitingham, was eliminated in the 2022 Vermont reapportionment and redistricting.

Sibilía lives in Dover with her husband TJ. She has a degree in Hotel Restaurant Management from Champlain College in Burlington, VT. Laura has served as an elected member of the Dover school board and the merged River Valleys School Board since 2003 and as the Director of Regional Economic Development Strategies for the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation since 2011. In 2021 she was appointed by Vermont's Communications Union Districts to the newly created Vermont Community Broadband Board.

Sibilía is one of five independent legislators currently serving in the Vermont House. She is presently Vice Chair of the House Energy and Technology Committee, a member of the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee and the House Ethics Panel. Sibilía Co-Chairs the Vermont National Guard and Military Affairs Caucus as well as the Rural Economic Development Working Group and served on Gov. Phil Scott's transition team as Co-Chair of the Leadership Advisory Committee after his election in November of 2016.

Sibilía has long championed the need to correct Vermont's school funding formula and pupil weights, and was a driving force in legislation which has just been signed into law by the governor that makes those corrections.

She has provided leadership for major broadband and climate change policy including broadband deployment bills in 2019 and 2021 which supported the creation of CUDS, the creation of the Vermont Community Broadband Board and which provided \$250 million in funding for community fiber buildout; the 2020 Vermont Global Warming Solutions Act and the 2022 \$45 million Municipal Energy Resilience Initiative.

She has also co-sponsored significant human rights legislation including sexual harassment prevention measures in 2018; H.57 of 2019 which protects Vermonter's rights to bodily autonomy and banning the gay panic defense in 2022.

Sibilía maintains a blog site with regular postings about legislative and district happenings at www.laurasibiliavt.com. She will be hosting a campaign kickoff as well as multiple events in Jamaica and Stratton, new towns she is seeking to represent in the House, and will publicize details in the coming weeks. She can be reached by email at lsibilía@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at 802-384-0233.

Those wishing to support Laura's campaign can request signs and make contributions on her blog site, or mail to: Laura Sibilía for VT, PO Box 2052, West Dover, VT 05356.