



# New Hampshire State Senate ***NEWS RELEASE***

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## **Senator Amanda Merrill Will Not Seek 3rd Term**

CONCORD -- State Senator Amanda Merrill issued the following statement this morning regarding her decision not to seek a third term in the NH Senate.

"It has been a privilege, honor, and source of great satisfaction to serve my constituents and the State of New Hampshire in our citizen legislature, both as a senator and as a member of the House of Representatives. I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to work on important policy matters with gifted and dedicated colleagues of all political persuasions. The decision to leave was difficult, as I cherish the institution of the New Hampshire legislature and the friendships and partnerships I have enjoyed over the past 23 years. However, we all reach points in our lives when we need to readjust the way we distribute our time and energy, and I am at such a point. I look forward to continuing to stay involved in the issues I care most about -- albeit in a different capacity."

Merrill's District 21 includes Dover, Durham, Epping, Lee, and Rollinsford.

Senate Democratic Leader Sylvia Larsen applauded Merrill for her devotion and commitment to her communities and the state of New Hampshire.

"Senator Merrill is a valued member of the Senate and has served her communities and our state with distinction," said Larsen. "New Hampshire has benefited greatly from her leadership and depth of understanding in the areas of energy and environmental policy, education, election law, and ethics. Her attention to detail in matters of complex legislation is much appreciated by those who work with her, as are her openness and collegiality. While we will miss Mandy greatly, we wish her the very best in her future endeavors."

Merrill was first elected to the Senate in 2008. She served five terms in the NH House of Representatives from 1989 to 1998 including a term as Deputy Democratic Leader. She was a House policy staff member during the 2007-08 biennium under Speaker Terie Norelli.

Merrill currently sits on the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Public & Municipal Affairs Committee, as well as the Legislative Ethics Committee and Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.



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Senator Merrill attended public schools in South Hampton and Hampton, graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1974, and received a Ph.D. from Dartmouth in 1979. She taught psychology in the Massachusetts university system and worked as program associate in the undergraduate research program at UNH. She also served as visual arts coordinator for the Mill Pond Center.

Her community and non-profit service has included membership on the Durham Planning Board and the boards of the UNH Alumni Association, the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, Conservation New Hampshire, and the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). She has lived in Durham for over 30 years with her husband Ken Fuld, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of New Hampshire. They have two children, Anna and Sam.

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