



Annual Report to the Town of Scarborough
A Message from Senator Amy Volk

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am so grateful for the trust you have placed in me, and I will work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great state of Maine. I am pleased to let you know that I have been chosen to sit as Senate Chair on the Joint Standing Committee for Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

My fellow legislators and I have a great deal to accomplish when the 127th Legislature reconvenes in January. The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. Growing our economy and increasing the number of jobs available to Mainers will be a challenge, but I am confident that our ongoing commitment to addressing our outrageous energy costs and the needs of our aging population will continue to move our state in the right direction.

Private sector gains remain the best vehicle to spur robust economic growth, and I am focused on ensuring that traditional industries and small businesses have their needs met so Maine will continue to create jobs. In the same sense, innovation is critical to providing a path forward for Maine's economy – and my colleagues and I are excited to encourage the ideas of entrepreneurial minds young and old.

Another essential component of a robust economy is efficiency in allocating the state government's scarce resources, and I was elected because I will be an attentive steward of your tax dollars. Unfortunately, Maine's current distribution of benefits from our welfare system is not helping the folks who need these benefits most. In order to help our truly needy survive and get back on their feet, I will work with my fellow legislators to protect our state's vulnerable citizens while fighting fraud, waste, and abuse in Maine's welfare system. In short, we must reform welfare.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. I stand ready to work with you over the next two years, so please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 and Amy.Volk@legislature.maine.gov if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I will be gratified to help you.

Best,

Amy Volk
State Senator