

November 2, 2012

To the Editor:

It is with deepest sincerity that I would like to endorse Representative Carolyn Dykema and whole-heartedly support her re-election bid for the State Legislature. As Chair of the Southborough School Committee I have had the pleasure to work with Carolyn for the past several years. I have witnessed firsthand her unwavering commitment to not just the children, but ALL people of her communities.

Representative Dykema meets with town officials on a regular basis, understands the issues that are most important to us and delivers in areas that are of highest priority. She has been instrumental in increasing funding for local aid which directly benefits the taxpayers of all the towns she serves. For example, with her help, the FY13 budget passed by the legislature increased Chapter 70 funding and Regional School Transportation reimbursement for our town and more adequately funded the state's obligation for the Special Education Circuit Breaker for the first time since FY08. She is genuinely concerned about the issues that affect her constituents and truly listens, does research on an issue and responds accordingly. For taxpayers who think they have no say in their local government, they need only have one conversation with Carolyn to realize that their voice is being heard and their story has an absolute impact on Carolyn's vote on Beacon Hill.

In my personal and professional dealings, I have found Carolyn to be a truly remarkable politician who is fully engaged in her job of being an advocate for the members of each of her communities. Her dedication and compassion are unparalleled and the town of Southborough is incredibly fortunate to have her represent our interests in the State House.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Harragan Polutchko

Chair, Southborough School Committee