

I am a Scarborough voter who is very liberal and almost always votes for the Democrat on the ballot, but I will be voting for Mary Shannon Lindstrom for the District 124 Maine State House seat. I got to know Mary Shannon through her work on the School Board, especially around the school building project. As a new dad, I became very interested in the future of schools in Scarborough. When I reached out with questions, Mary Shannon answered thoughtfully and with felt empathy-things that are often missing in interactions with politicians. I'll be honest, her response is what opened the metaphorical door for me to lean in further to the process. I started following meetings, giving feedback and eventually joined the Building Communications Committee.

During my time collaborating with Mary Shannon, I witnessed an amazing leader who listened curiously to what others said, took in new information and sought the best path forward-even when it was against what she initially wanted. I saw her advocate with passion in moments where it looked like hope was dwindling, helping to rally opposite viewpoints toward a shared goal. Mary Shannon is exactly the kind of leader we need representing Scarborough in Augusta, one who a Democrat, Republican or anyone in-between could feel well represented by. She truly will always be oriented toward doing what is best for the residents of Scarborough. I've seen it time and time again at the town-level and am excited to see her in action at the state-level next session!

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