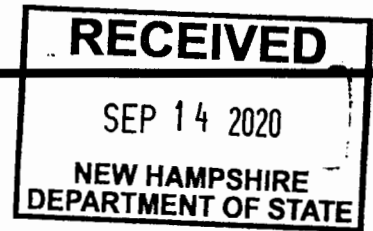


**Karen Ladd**



**From:** Elliot Gault <elliott@nhgop.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 4:15 PM  
**To:** Karen Ladd  
**Cc:** Scott Maltzie  
**Subject:** Challenge to Robert Forsythe's Nomination  
**Attachments:** BLC Challenge letter.pdf; Email resigning for current session.pdf; Email requesting removal from ballot.pdf

Good Afternoon Karen,

Please see attached for a letter challenging the eligibility of Mr. Robert Forsythe's candidacy for the Merrimack House District 8 Representative Seat from NHGOP Chairman Stephen Stepanek and Merrimack County GOP Chairman Dr. Scott Maltzie.

Supporting this challenge are recent published articles that Mr. Forsythe has been charged with a felony domestic violence assault, which per RSA 655:17 would make him ineligible to serve if elected. Please see below for two news articles:

- N.H. state representative running for re-election charged with felony domestic violence assault: <https://www.concordmonitor.com/NH-state-representative-Robert-Forsythe-domestic-violence-case-Boscawen-35924576>
- Update: N.H. state rep. with history of domestic violence charges resigns, won't seek re-election: <https://www.concordmonitor.com/Robert-Forsythe-Boscawen-resign-domestic-violence-charges-35948045>

Also attached to this email are copies of an email from Mr. Forsythe resigning from the current session and an email he sent to Rep. Pearl where he states that he is seeking treatment out of state and would like to be removed from this upcoming ballot.

Mr. Forsythe has been charged with felony domestic violence assault and is awaiting trial. The prospect of Forsythe's pending charges if convicted would disqualify him from serving in the House of Representatives.

I will plan on attending the Ballot Law commission meeting Thursday on behalf of the NHGOP.

Thanks,  
Elliot

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**Elliot Gault**  
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# NEW HAMPSHIRE

## REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE

State of New Hampshire  
Ballot Law Commission  
State House, Room 204  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

September 15, 2020

**RE: Challenge regarding the eligibility of Mr. Robert Forsythe of Boscawen, New Hampshire to stand for election to the position of Merrimack House District 8 Representative**

I challenge the eligibility of Mr. Robert Forsythe of Forest Lane, Boscawen, New Hampshire to stand for election specifically during this November 3<sup>rd</sup> General Election for the position of Merrimack House District 8 Representative. I am concerned with pending legal actions against Mr. Forsythe, including felonious charges of domestic violence assault.

Per RSA 655:17 Declaration of Candidacy, candidates for State Representative declare that "*If I have been convicted of a felony, I declare that I have completed my sentence as required in RSA 607-A:2.*" Since filing his Declaration of Candidacy, Mr. Forsythe has been charged with felony domestic violence assault and is awaiting trial, resulting in his recent resignation as a State Representative. The prospect of Mr. Forsythe's pending charges if convicted would disqualify him from serving in the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Stephen Stepanek  
NHGOP Chairman

Dr. Scott Maltzie  
Merrimack County GOP Chairman

Cc: Elliot Gault, NHGOP Executive Director

**From:** Paul Smith <Paul.Smith@leg.state.nh.us>  
**Date:** September 8, 2020 at 12:44:21 PM EDT  
**To:** HCO <HCO@leg.state.nh.us>  
**Subject:** Forsythe Resignation

Mr. Speaker and Mr. Clerk,

Please accept this email message as notice of my resignation from the NH House of Representatives effective immediately.

It has been an honor to serve in this historic legislative body, and it has been an even greater honor to represent the people of Boscaawen in the legislature.

I wish you and my colleagues the best.

Thank you,

Rep. Robert Forsythe  
Merrimack County District 8

Paul C. Smith  
Clerk of the House  
New Hampshire House of Representatives  
603.271.2548



Elliot Gault <elliott@nhgop.org>

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**Fwd: Ballot commission**

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Howard Pearl <hpearlpsf@aol.com>  
To: Elliot Gault <elliott@nhgop.org>  
Cc: SCOTT MALTZIE <smaltzie@comcast.net>

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 2:56 PM

Here you go!

Howard C Pearl  
State Representative Merrimack 26  
Owner Pearl & Sons Farm LLC  
Loudon Town Moderator  
Environment & Agriculture Com Ranking Member  
NH Farm Bureau Treasurer  
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603-231-1482 cell

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Robert Forsythe <docrif@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 at 2:51:52 PM EDT  
**To:** Howard Pearl <HPearlpsf@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Ballot commission

I, Robert Forsythe, wish to have my name removed from the 2020 General Election ballot as I will no longer be able to serve the State of New Hampshire even if elected given my current situation. I am currently seeking treatment out of state, which is why I cannot appear in person in front of the Ballot Law Commission.