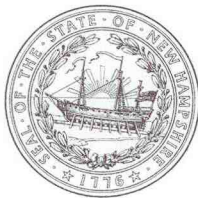


NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE



September 3, 2010

Tim vanBlommestejn  
88 Stone Bridge Road  
Wilmot NH 03287

Dear Mr. vanBlommestejn:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of 1,678 nomination papers signed by registered voters in the State of New Hampshire.

As a result, your name will be placed on the November 2, 2010 general election ballot as an Independent candidate for the Office of United States Representative from District No. 2.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Ladd".

Karen H. Ladd  
Assistant Secretary of State

Voices from 2 to 4 p.m. A resident of Vermont for more than fifty years, Florence has been a member of the National League of American Pen Women and

Springfield  
Charlestown.  
(603) 543-680  
Participation  
minutes.

Restaurant from noon to 1:30. For details and registration, visit [www.newportnh.net](http://www.newportnh.net) and click Parlin Field Airport, send an e-mail to [parlinfield@new-](mailto:parlinfield@new-)

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## the quiet skies

The Connecticut River meanders slowly southward, and it is possible to ride the air above it and see Vermont and New Hampshire in small; certainly it is fun to pick out the landmarks, and even more fun to fly over the office.

From above, it is also possible to get a sense of just how spread out some of these towns are. Chester, for instance, appears as a cluster of homes and businesses at the center, but it is ringed by farms and hills, some of which hide homes isolated from ground view but fully visible from the air. Go up high enough, and the cars diminish to the size of ants, and homes become indistinguishable from cows.

Due to air speed and altitude, the oppressive humidity on the ground disappears, and one is almost sorry when the sail plane starts to descend and then return to earth - haze, heat and tar-mac.

But it was beautiful while it lasted.  
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# Claremont man vying for signatures, votes

By KRISTEN SENZ  
Senior Writer

**NEWPORT** — A Claremont businessman hopes to run for U.S. Congress, but he needs at least 1,000 more signatures by Aug. 11 to get his name onto the ballot.

Tim vanBlommesteyn (pronounced van Blum-a-stain), 57, wants to run for the seat that will be left vacant by U.S. Congressman and Senate candidate Paul Hodes, but he needs the signatures of hundreds of registered New Hampshire voters to get into the race.

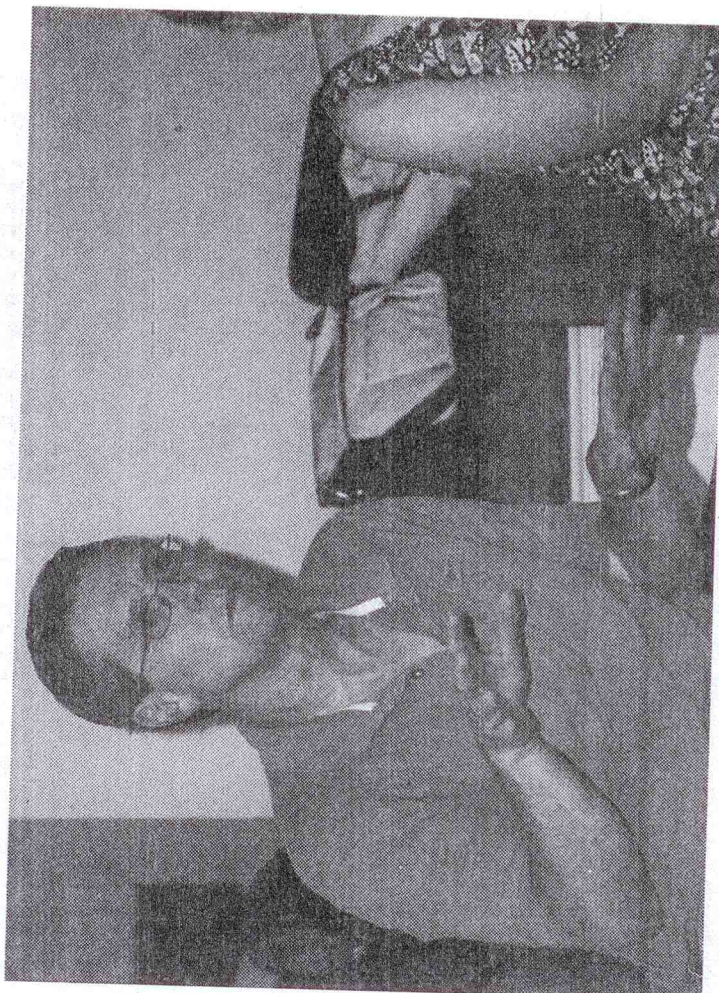
A native of Long Island and resident of Wilnot, vanBlommesteyn decided to run for Congress after conversations with his 23-year-old daughter led him to feel sorry for her future, he said at a campaign event at the Newport library on Thursday.

"I'm really worried that she isn't going to have opportunities because we've got so much debt," said vanBlommesteyn, who owns Key Marketing Inc., of Claremont, a commercial cleaning business.

VanBlommesteyn graduated from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College in 1982 and has never held public office. He said he wants to encourage citizens and lawmakers to talk about politically unpopular topics and broaden discussions about healthcare, entitlement reform and the national debt.

"That's something we haven't done in 30 years of governance," he said at a campaign event at the Richards Free Library in Newport on Thursday.

An independent candidate who hopes to appeal to political centrists, him on the ballot.



Claremont's Tim vanBlommesteyn is hopeful he'll gain enough signatures to run for Congress.

vanBlommesteyn would run against seasoned politicians such as former U.S. congressman Charlie Bass and Democrat Katrina Swett, were he to get his name on the ballot.

Realizing his chances are slim in a general election against candidates with strong financial backing and political experience, vanBlommesteyn said he just hopes people will participate in the political process and sign the petition to get him on the ballot.

"I believe that I can win, because I believe in the political process... but I'm also realistic," he said. "I say my chances are somewhere between 50-50 and Powerball, and maybe closer to Powerball."

A voter's signature does not mean voter support, he reminded voters. Signatures only indicate a belief that his name should appear on the ballot as an independent candidate.

For more information, visit [www.tim-](http://www.tim-)

## LOCAL POLICE LOGS

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