

## Profile: Free State Project Member Laura Jones

## **Free State Project Members**

Free State Project members sign a pledge to move to New Hampshire and work to change the way of life in our state. They do not move here for a job, or for family, or even because they like what New Hampshire has to offer. Instead, they move here because a political group they are affiliated with voted on a state to move to in order to enact a political agenda, and New Hampshire was the unlucky recipient of that vote.

## State House Candidate Laura Jones (Strafford District 24: Rochester)

State House candidate Laura Jones moved to New Hampshire from Tennessee as part of the Free State Project. Jones has demonstrated considerable ties to the Free State Project, including:

- Jones signed the Free State Project declaration of intent, then moved from Tennessee to New Hampshire as part of the Free State Project. Signers of the Free State Project declaration of intent agree to move to New Hampshire and work toward the FSP's utopian goals of dismantling government. Once 20,000 people have signed declarations of intent, all signers have agreed to move to New Hampshire within 5 years. [Fosters Daily Democrat. Letter to the Editor by Laura Jones: Why I signed the FSP Statement of Intent. August 7, 2011]
- Jones is frequently cited on Free State Project forums as a "Free Stater" State Representative. [The Free State Project. Forum.freestateproject.org. Accessed October 2014]
- Jones was endorsed in 2012 and in 2014 by the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance, a Free State Project Group focused on the state legislature. [New Hampshire Liberty Alliance. <a href="mailto:nhliberty.org/2012/endorsements">nhliberty.org/2012/endorsements</a>; <a href="mailto:nhliberty.org/2014/endorsements">nhliberty.org/2014/endorsements</a>, Accessed October 2014]

## Why is Laura Jones' FSP Affiliation Important?

The ultra-extreme Free State Project voted on a state to move 20,000 people to, with the stated purpose to take over state government and dismantle it. The Free State Project seeks to create a libertarian "utopia" void of public infrastructure and common laws, and to use the power of numbers to dramatically change New Hampshire – even threatening secession from the rest of the country. Members like Laura Jones are actively working to help the Free State Project fulfill those goals.

For more information about the Free State Project Watch of Granite State Progress, contact (603) 225-2471 or <a href="mailto:freestateprojectwatch@granitestateprogress.org">freestateprojectwatch@granitestateprogress.org</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Once we've taken over the state government, we can slash state and local budgets, which make up a sizeable proportion of the tax and regulatory burden we face every day. Furthermore, we can eliminate substantial federal interference by refusing to take highway funds and the strings attached to them. Once we've accomplished these things, we can bargain with the national government over reducing the role of the national government in our state. We can use the threat of secession as leverage to do this." [Announcement: The Free State Project by Founder Jason Sorens]