



Profile: Free State Project Member Anthony Pugh

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 Anthony Pugh (Hillsborough District 42: Manchester Wards 1,2,3)

State House candidate Anthony Pugh [moved to New Hampshire in 2007](#) and is a member of the Free State Project. Pugh has demonstrated considerable ties to the Free State Project, including:

- **Pugh signed the early mover pledge, which was aimed at getting 1,000 Free Staters to move to New Hampshire early to establish a network for other Free Staters to follow in later years.** The majority of FSP participants will not move until 20,000 individuals have signed on for the Free State Project. [Free State Project. [First 1,000 Pledge](#). 2003-2006]
- **Pugh served on the board of Directors of the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance, which is associated with the Free State Project and sponsors the NH Liberty Forum, an annual FSP showcase.** Pugh was the Political Director of the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance in 2011. [[Anthony Pugh for NHLA Political Action Director; November, 2011 Board of Directors election](#)]
- **Pugh has taken an active role in the NH Liberty Forum and in the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance lobbying efforts.**

Why is Anthony Pugh's 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.¹ Members like Anthony Pugh 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 freestateprojectwatch@granitestateprogress.org.

¹ "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]