



# Profile: Free State Project Member Chandler Blair Gabel

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## 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.

### Manchester Ward 6 Clerk Candidate Chandler Blair Gabel

Manchester Ward 6 Clerk Candidate Chandler Blair Gabel moved to New Hampshire as part of the Free State Project, likely between 2003 and [2006](#). Gabel has demonstrated considerable ties to the Free State Project, including:

- **Gabel 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 did not commit to moving until 20,000 individuals had signed on for the Free State Project, which occurred in 2016
- **Gabel and his wife used a Free State Project realtor to purchase a home in New Hampshire.** Gabel and his wife Catherine (who grew up in New Hampshire) [purchased a house](#) in Manchester through [Free Stater and realtor Mark Warden](#). Warden is a featured realtor for Free State Project movers and [donates a portion of his commission to the Free State Project](#).
- **Gabel is a board member of the Foundation for NH Independence, a Free State Project-linked secessionist organization.** Gabel is listed as the [secretary](#) of the Foundation for NH Independence, a secessionist organization founded in 2012 that was [started by](#) and is [run by](#) Free State Project members.
- **Gabel has participated in many Free State Project activities.** Gabel is a [member](#) of the Merrimack Valley Porcupines, a Free Stater social club. He also [signed up](#) to attend the third Free State Project PorcFest in 2006 and appeared on a [secession panel](#) at the FSP-linked Keenevention in 2015, among other activities.

### Why is Chandler Blair Gabel'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.<sup>1</sup> Members like Chandler Blair Gabel 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](mailto:freestateprojectwatch@granitestateprogress.org).**

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<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]*