



May 18, 2022

Dear Fellow Democrats,

While I will be addressing the delegates to the Democratic Nominating Convention on opening night, Friday, June 3, I have some news that can't wait.

I have decided to endorse Chris Dempsey for State Auditor, and I urge you to support his candidacy.

In the year since I announced I would not seek re-election, I have watched the race to succeed me unfold, and I have listened carefully to the statements of the two Democratic candidates. They could not be more divergent, and **I have concluded that Chris Dempsey is best suited by his dedication to public service, his understanding of the role of the State Auditor, his knowledge as a government executive, his role in policy-making, and his vision for the future to be an effective State Auditor who will sustain this Office as a national leader in government accountability.**

You know how seriously I have embraced the role since my election in 2010. **Scrupulous adherence to government auditing standards, the introduction of new data analytic tools, and a dedication to making government work better have won the Office national awards.** More importantly, they have enabled us to identify more than \$1.5 billion worth of questionable spending and contractor fraud and have brought about improvements in government accountability and service in areas including criminal justice, equal access to government programs, the protection of children in foster care, housing and care for veterans, and the MassHealth program.



Chris has indisputably demonstrated his understanding that while the office has specific legal and constitutional boundaries it can still be a powerful force for good government

and creative policy development and oversight. **Chris is a proven watchdog for the public interest.** He has already saved Massachusetts residents billions of dollars by questioning the financial assumptions behind the bid to bring the Olympics to Boston in 2024, an effort that put him at odds with powerful political and business interests.

Chris's executive leadership in the Patrick-Murray administration and as an advocate for more sustainable and effective transportation gives him a wealth of experience in policy-making and government operations. **Chris is a true progressive, whose positions and voting record contrast sharply with those of the other Democratic candidate in the race.**

Lastly, Chris's personal integrity means that every audit will represent a tool to improve state government, not a weapon to take down an individual or institution or grab a gratuitous headline.

On Saturday, June 4, I will be joining you in deciding who should receive our party's endorsement. Our votes in the race for State Auditor matter, since Governor Charlie Baker is aggressively supporting the Republican candidate. We need to endorse the strongest possible candidate. As I see it, that candidate is Chris Dempsey.

I invite you to join Chris and me for a celebration on the first night of the Convention, Friday, June 3rd, at 9PM at the Mercantile Center Lobby, 110 Front St, Worcester, MA 01608. I am looking forward to reconnecting with so many of you in-person for the first time in two years.

Please vote for Chris.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Bump', written in a cursive style.

Suzanne Bump

Auditor of the Commonwealth