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REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SCHNELLER

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Dear Friends of Project Gratitude,

As a State Representative serving the people of Bedford, I am proud to offer my strong support for Project Gratitude. This student-launched initiative began here in New Hampshire with a goal to lift the spirits of our nation's military-connected children while encouraging civic involvement and compassion among young people throughout the Granite state.

New Hampshire has a distinguished tradition of service. Many families in our communities carry the quiet weight of military deployments and the daily uncertainty experienced by the children of those who serve our nation. These children demonstrate remarkable resilience while supporting their parents from home, yet their sacrifices and experiences often go unrecognized. Project Gratitude addresses this gap with a simple but profoundly meaningful message: **WE SEE YOU**.

By engaging civilian students to write personal gratitude cards to military children, Project Gratitude builds bridges of understanding and compassion that strengthen our communities. This program reflects the very best of New Hampshire values: respect for service, commitment to civic responsibility and the belief that young people can be powerful agents of kindness and support.

I am particularly impressed by the program's ability to unite schools, youth organizations, veterans' groups, and military-family networks across our state and beyond. That this effort was envisioned and launched by a Bedford High student speaks volumes about the character and leadership of our young community members.

Project Gratitude is more than a charitable initiative. It is a powerful education tool that is part of a community-building model deserving of broad recognition. I encourage schools, community organizations, and military-family partners throughout New Hampshire to join in this effort and help expand its reach.

To the students who participate it is important that you understand ***your words have meaning and your words matter***. To the military-connected children who receive these cards, we hope that your strength inspires us to continue this project so that you know **WE SEE YOU**. To the founders and volunteers of Project Gratitude I sincerely thank you for reminding us that gratitude is not just a frivolous sentiment. It is a responsibility that calls upon the many to recognize and support the few who sacrifice so much in support of our nation.

Please accept my full support for this outstanding program and my commitment to help raise awareness of its mission throughout our state.

With deepest appreciation,

John Schneller
State Representative
Bedford, New Hampshire