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Collins has proven she'll represent all of Maine

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I recently heard that liberal 1st District Congressman Tom Allen wants to be Maine's next U.S. senator. Now that Allen wants to represent the entire state of Maine, it is instructive to review his "long record" of fighting for the citizens of the 2nd Congressional District.

I have been having trouble thinking of any examples of this supposed record, because the only thing that comes to mind is one example that reveals Allen's true colors.

In 2000, Allen thwarted the efforts of Lewiston-Auburn to bring the U.S. Postal Service's distribution center to the largest population center in the 2nd District.

Instead, Allen convinced the Postal Service to bring the distribution center and its 850 jobs to a site in suburban Scarborough, where it now operates.

Now I recognize that a congressman represents just his own district; however, in small states with only two congressional districts like Maine, each member of Congress also represents the wider interests of the state. Allen failed an important leadership test in 2000 by advocating against the interests of another part of the state of Maine.

Now Allen wants to represent the 2nd District in the U.S. Senate. No thanks, I'll choose Susan Collins, an honest politician and hard worker who has already proven that the entire state of Maine is her top priority.

Ralph Kettell

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Berserker of Freeport, ME
May 14, 2007 8:57 PM

Notice how the comments from liberals usually mention President Bush and the word, impeach, no matter what the subject? Ralph here could be talking about the high price of beet greens and the comments would be how the price will come down....if we only impeach Bush!

It's called BDS (Bush Derangement Syndrome) and it affects a very large percentage of the Democratic Party.

Jonathan Albrecht of Dixfield, ME

May 14, 2007 1:04 PM

Good point, but don't you think her failure as head of Homeland Security Committee and her effort to hide her support for every Bush initiative in Iraq, her 100% rating by the NFIB suggest that she isn't the honest, hard working, moderate, committed to the people of Maine politician she pretends to be. She is mislead the people of Maine just as Bush mislead us about Iraq.

Doug Watts of Augusta, ME

May 14, 2007 12:42 PM

Susan Collins supports human torture, suspension of Habeas Corpus and has consistently voted in favor of giving George Bush a blank check on his Iraqi bloodbath. She should be impeached, not just not re-elected.

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