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Thank you.

I have greatly enjoyed my walk from Portsmouth to Nashua to Manchester to Concord and back to this place where I began.

The leaves were green when I began and I saw them turn and fall. It is such a beautiful state and nation and planet. We are so blessed to live here, and to be charged with the proper care of this place.

I have walked through a land of contrasts.

The people honk and wave, and they seem to appreciate someone who gets out there and tells it like it is, and puts one foot in front of the other for her beliefs. I appreciate all the love and support that has come my way on these roads and in these villages.

The people must do something for themselves, however, in the way of putting one foot in front of another without fear.

The fear of the people, I believe, is best expressed in the editorials of the state's newspapers. It comes down to this for them: yes, they agree, the built-in corruption of the political system is a shame, and old Granny D has something worth saying on that. And, yes, Judd Gregg is a creature of that corrupt system.

And, yes, he has been terrible on the big votes on the environment, even while he sends crumbs home that do no real good on the environment, because we do not live under a glass cover. And yes, Judd Gregg has been terrible on homeland security, and on veterans issues, and on health care issues, and in every other department where he has an opportunity to serve his special interest paymasters instead of the people he is supposed to serve.

It is all laid out in frightening detail at GrannyD.com.

And it is a shame that Mr. Gregg joined with Mr. Bush in the wildest deception in American history—leading us to war against the wrong country, using fabricated evidence that we the people saw through long before the attack. What should be the political price for that kind of deceptions or, at the least, incredible failure of judgment that has cost thousands of lives and the good name of our nation in the world?

Yes, but he brings home the bacon, so we need him!

He does not bring home anything but bacon bits, however.

It is an old magic trick played by all the Members of Congress that the editorial writers back home miss entirely. They are like slack-jawed country rubes watching a shell game at a carnival. Here is the trick of it. Judd Gregg supports funding for a

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56-foot iron statue of the Roman god of fire in Birmingham, Alabama. In reference to this vote John McCain said on the senate floor, "Not one more Federal dollar should be spent on this kind of foolishness." But that was nothing. Judd Gregg, on January 22, 2004, voted for \$225,000 for the Wheels Museum in New Mexico, \$450,000 for the Johnny Appleseed Heritage Center, \$100,000 for the development of a World Food Prize, \$200,000 for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, \$175,000 for the painting of a mural on a Missouri wall, \$250,000 for the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, \$200,000 for a shopping center in Guadalupe, Arizona, \$325,000 for a swimming pool in Salinas, California, \$238,000 for the National Wild Turkey Federation, \$225,000 for the restoration of an opera house, and \$200,000 for recreational facilities in North Pole, Alaska. On November 3, 2003, voted \$400,000 for rodent control in Alaska, and millions of dollars for visitor centers in New Mexico, Arkansas, West Virginia, Vermont, South Dakota, Idaho, Missouri, and Wyoming.

So, you see, for every little grant Mr. Gregg brings home to New Hampshire, he must provide about 49 others to the other Senators. You don't see that price, paid by all U.S. Taxpayers, including us. You only see the magic trick of the local bacon bit. Well, writers and commentators, open your eyes.

And it's not just other states that get pork from Judd Gregg. Corporations

get it to, and dearly at the expense of the people. He voted against removing special-interest provisions from the legislation establishing the Department of Homeland Security, including a provision to allow the new department to enter into contracts with American companies that have moved offshore to avoid paying U.S. taxes and other provisions to specifically help Eli Lilly and other Judd Gregg supporters.

John McCain called the vote by Judd Gregg a vote in favor of "special deals for special interests." After the vote McCain said, "I'm too old to vote for this crap."

So here is the trick: Judd Gregg can only bring home the bacon bits by agreeing to pay for pork all over the United States.

In 2000 he voted \$1 million to fix-up a bathhouse in Arkansas and \$500,000 to help snails in Idaho. In 2001, it was subsidies for reindeer herders. In 2002, a scenic railroad in Kentucky and a public exhibition on "America's Transportation Stories." In 2003, \$202,500 to build a National Peanut Festival Agriculture Arena at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Alabama, \$405,000 to build a theme park in Kentucky, \$900,000 to renovate a hotel in Florida that caters to the whims of the rich and famous.

He supports their pork, and they will vote for his pork. It is a gentlemen's understanding that makes them all look good at home to those who do

In times of crisis in our history, the very young and old have taken positions on the battle lines to do what they might. I have stepped forward because all the career politicians would not dare run against Senator Gregg and his millions collected from wealthy special interests. We have come to an American emergency, where big money and ideological extremists are calling all the tunes in Washington.

I am not qualified or experienced to debate Senator Gregg here today. I do not pretend to be. I am a statement against the system he has come to represent. I am sufficiently qualified to spot an unnecessary war, however, and I did so and spoke out long ago. I am qualified to see a disastrous federal deficit, to recognize the underfunding of our schools by the federal government and the exporting of our best jobs. I have an abiding belief in the critical importance of our Bill of Rights, and have seen the attack on our freedoms that the Washington fear machine has engineered, with Senator Gregg's enthusiastic support.

My vision is a world for my 16 great grandchildren and all other children with our Democracy intact; where good and fair education is available to all; where national health care is available to all; where good jobs are back from out-sourcing and retirement is secure.

New Hampshire, and its citizens and children can count on me to represent them for the next six years, which I am fully able to do.

(I do respect Senator Gregg, and I respect him all the more when he takes a stand for common sense, as he did last week when he voted against the latest corporate tax giveaway. Of course, breaking away and doing the right thing every now and then is called flip-flopping these days, but I still like that vote, Senator, and congratulate you for it.)