

# Democratic National Committee: Biden-Harris running to finish the job

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This week, President Biden and Vice President Harris announced their bid for reelection, highlighting their commitment to fighting for freedom in the face of MAGA Republicans who are trying to take us backward.

Here's what they were reading on front pages across the country this week about the Biden-Harris reelection campaign:

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ELECTION 2024

## 'Freedom.' Biden jumps into 2024 race promising to protect rights.

**Vice president: Kamala Harris stays on ticket, features prominently in his video.**  
**Republicans: 'Biden is ... out of touch ... after creating crisis after crisis.'**



President Joe Biden on Tuesday formally announced he is running for reelection in 2024, asking voters to give him four more years to "finish this job." His campaign launched with a video in which he promises to protect Americans' personal freedom, while attacking "MAGA extremists" for targeting women's reproductive rights, Social Security and voting rights. "The question we are facing is whether in the years ahead we have more freedom or less freedom, more rights or fewer," Biden says in the video. "I know what I want the answer to be. This is not a time to be complacent. That's why I'm running for reelection." In response, the Republican National Committee released an AI-generated video showing a nation beset by crises if Biden wins in 2024. *Photo by Andrew Harnell, Associated Press*

**42%** of Americans — including 78% of Democrats and 35% of Republicans — approve of Biden's performance as president in a new Reuters/Ipsos poll.

**70%** of Americans believe Biden, 80, should not run for re-election, according to the latest NBC News poll, while 40% say Donald Trump, 76, should not run for president.

**43%** Biden leads Trump 43% to 38% among registered voters in the Reuters poll. Only 24% of Americans have positive views of Trump's MAGA movement, the NBC News poll finds.

## A rematch? Trump's MAGA plans remain key to 2024 contest. **A4**

ALBANY

## State working out alternatives to Regents exams

**Board may get suggestions as early as the end of this year.**

*Kathleen Moore, Tribune News Service*

The Board of Regents may get recommendations for alternatives to the Regents exams as early as the end of this year. A committee that convened in December will make recommendations on other ways to graduate, although Regents exams would remain as an option for students. The board received an update on the committee's work on April 17 and will make the final decision after receiving the recommendations. The committee plans to issue recommendations after one year of work, a year

earlier than scheduled, as a result of the "outcry" for alternatives, members said. At the same time, the Education Department is starting a pilot program in which school districts can start offering other ways to prove mastery of required skills, instead of taking the math, science, English and history exams. Schools will be selected to participate in the pilot for this fall and fall of 2024.

"This is not about getting rid of Regents exams," said Angeliqwe Johnson-Dingle, deputy commissioner for P-12 instructional support. "The idea is all students are provided the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in the best way that suits them." She offered a list of possibilities: portfolios, presentations, projects, applying knowledge to real-world scenarios, intern-

ships and community service projects. Board of Regents members said they welcome the ideas.

"The test-score-based education system has really decimated the arts and language education," said board member Shino Tanikawa, adding that schools must choose between offering remedial classes to bring up test scores or arts programs.

Board member Aramina Ferrer called the changes "the most important work" facing the board.

"We are positioned to do something really important for the children of New York state," she said. "I feel this is going to be a very good moment for New York state."

It's time to think about education **SEE REGENTS, A8**

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## Leaders make progress on budget talks

**Legislature approved a fifth stopgap measure.**

*Deirdre Slattery, Tribune News Service*

New York may soon have a spending plan in place as Gov. Hochul and legislative leaders work to wrap up budget negotiations that have now stretched more than three weeks past the state's fiscal deadline.

An a fifth stopgap measure was passed Monday, progress was being made on a number of fronts after the Democratic governor appeared to pull back on some of her top policy priorities. Those included overhauling the state's approach to housing, according to top lawmakers in both the Senate and Assembly.

"I think we're getting closer," Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, D-Bronx, said of a final deal on Monday. "There are still a few things that have to be worked out. But hopefully the end is near."

Heastie said he sees housing talks continuing post-budget after Hochul's ambitious housing compact — meant to drive development and address New York's housing shortage by allowing the state to step in and approve projects if a municipality fails to meet certain building goals — failed to win support among lawmakers.

The governor's proposal would have required Downstate areas, including Westchester, Putnam and both Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island, to grow their housing stocks by 3% every three years.

Upstate towns would have to meet a target of 1% growth every three years. The state would have had the authority to override local zoning laws and approve projects in towns that fail to meet those targets.

The governor conceded last week that "after weeks of negotiations, the Legislature continues to oppose core elements of the Housing Compact."

Both chambers of the Democratic-led Legislature pushed back on the idea, preferring to offer incentives as a means to push towns to build more and calling for tenant protections for existing renters to be bundled into the plan.

"I think sometimes when you want to make transformative change in policy, there has to be an education period," Heastie said. "I just think there has to be more of an education period to let people understand what's at stake."

Hochul's plan faced pushback from progressives who wanted lawmakers to focus more on affordability and tenants, as well as suburban lawmakers from both sides of the aisle who argued that the plan amounted to a top-down approach.

"I would say that the housing package ... is one of the items that she has pulled back on," state Sen. Liz Krueger, D-Manhattan, said during a brief floor debate Monday as lawmakers approved the **SEE BUDGET, A8**

NEW YORK STATE

## Bloomberg on top

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the founder of Bloomberg LP, is the state's wealthiest person, according to a recent website list. **A2**

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**BIDEN'S 2024 BID**



**'Let's finish this job'**

Video announces run for reelection on anniversary of 2020 campaign launch

*Zuko Miller ASSOCIATED PRESS*

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**"Freedom. Personal freedom is fundamental to who we are as Americans. There's nothing more important ..."**

*President Joe Biden*

**"This is not a time to be complacent. That's why I'm running for reelection."**  
 President Joe Biden said in his reelection announcement video, released Tuesday.  
*PATRICK SEMARNEY/AP*

**Wilmington City Council comes under fire over secret vote**

DOJ: Procedure to fill vacant seats violated transparency law

*Anitra Johnson Delaware News Journal USA TODAY NETWORK*

A procedure Wilmington's City Council used to select individuals to fill two vacant seats on the public body violated government transparency laws, according to a decision by the Delaware Department of Justice.

The DOJ reviewed the issue after receiving a letter from Christopher T. Curry, pastor of Edson Park Baptist Church in Wilmington, alleging the council's candidate selection process violated the Freedom of Information Act.

In March, Delaware's top law enforcement agency agreed.

It said that the City Council's Committee of the Whole violated FOIA when it went into executive session and voted by secret ballot on who would fill the vacant council seats of council's latest vacancies.

In its response to the attorney general's inquiry, the city's attorney acknowledged that votes conducted during the committee's executive session were "improper." However, the city argues that because the candidate recruitment process was carried out

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**Wilmington bill to prevent hiring council members' relatives defeated**

*Amanda Fries Delaware News Journal USA TODAY NETWORK*

The Wilmington City Council defeated an ordinance last week that would have prevented council members from hiring relatives to the legislative body.

While some members said it didn't go far enough, others questioned its necessity entirely, pointing to the city ethics Commission, existing rules for the council, and more pressing matters to attend to.

"It's not the family," Councilperson Yolanda McCoy said Thursday during a discussion of the ordinance at the City Council's regular meeting. "It's when we get in positions of power and those that helped us get there, we look out for all of them. If that's not going to address that, then I don't see the point of doing it."

Councilperson Chris Johnson expressed concern over the bill's timing and pointed to community opposition to the measure, including from the NAACP.

"We are in the midst of budget season. My bandwidth has been focusing on bettering the lives of Wilmington residents," he said. "It's a good idea, but I

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## Shell eases concerns about air safety

Official says benzene levels, odor surrounding Beaver County cracker plant aren't harmful

By Anya Litvak  
 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When a terrible odor blanketed the area around the Shell cracker plant earlier this month, residents had only their noses and sporadically high readings from public air monitors to assess the situation.

Many were left wondering what they were exposed to and whether it was dangerous.

On Tuesday, Shell officials held a virtual meeting to discuss the air monitoring results surrounding the event.

A senior toxicologist from the consulting contractor CTGI — the same company hired by

Norfolk Southern in the wake of its derailment in East Palestine — told the community that it was safe.

The levels of benzene, a known carcinogen, detected at the fence line of the petrochemical plant in Beaver County were too low to be associated with even transient discomfort or irritation, said Christopher Kuhlman, the toxicologist that Shell hired to review air data and assess exposure.

At these concentrations, if someone was standing at the fence

line during this time," he said, even for hours, they should not expect symptoms. He suggested that the bad smell could have been responsible for reports that people around the area were reporting on social media and in calls to watchdog groups and local regulators.

"Strong odors can certainly cause headaches, skin irritation, watery eyes," he said.

Workers on-site who showed some of those symptoms reported

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## Debt limit vote looms

Pa.'s Reschenthaler touts GOP's proposal

By Jonathan D. Salant  
 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — The House could vote as early as Wednesday on legislation that the Biden administration and a progressive research group say could take away health care from hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvania and black student loan relief for hundreds of thousands more.

House Republicans are demanding the spending cuts in exchange for lifting the limit on how much the U.S. government can borrow to pay for spending already approved by Congress. That borrowing cap is running out of room, and the federal government could default on its debts for the first time if it loses the ability to borrow money to pay them. That could lead to an economic calamity, the White House and economists have said.

But Republicans say such fiscal medicine is required now, even though they moved the debt limit three times under former GOP President Donald Trump and approved spending and tax cuts that added about \$8 trillion to the national debt during his four years in the White House.

No longer. They insist that any debt limit increase under Democratic President Joe Biden be paired with sharp reductions in federal

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President Joe Biden acknowledges the crowd Tuesday during an event at the Washington Hilton as he outlines a plan to create new manufacturing jobs. Mr. Biden announced Tuesday his bid "to finish the job" by running for re-election in 2024.

## ALL EYES ON PA. AGAIN

State's prominent role emerges as Biden kicks off his re-election bid

By Jonathan D. Salant  
 and Benjamin Kai  
 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — Joe Biden kicked off his 2020 presidential campaign in Pittsburgh, holding his first rally at a Laszlo rooming house in the city's Hill District, holding his last rally 17 months later with Lady Gaga at what was then Heinz Field.

And as Mr. Biden launched his 2024 campaign Tuesday, this time as the incumbent president,

Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania loom as large as ever in his political hopes.

After all, it's the second-most populous city, in the politically competitive second-largest county, in one of the small handful of states that will determine if he gets to spend another four years in the White House.

"In his head, he probably knows that Western Pa. is key for his politics. And, in his heart, Western Pa. seems like where he wants to be," said Jesse Per-

guson, a longtime Democratic strategist who worked on Hillary Clinton's 2008 campaign.

"Last time, he told working people what he'd do and this time he can show them what he's done. He has this unique authenticity and credibility that people respond to, and that's one of the reasons he reaches people in places like Pittsburgh."

Pittsburgh and the rest of Pennsylvania again will be one of the most critical electoral battlegrounds that the president

and his eventual Republican opponent will fight over until Nov. 5, 2024. With Florida having moved firmly into the GOP column over the past few election cycles, Pennsylvania's 19 Electoral College votes make it the biggest swing-state prize on the map.

"A Pennsylvania native, President Biden has a special appreciation for Pittsburgh because of its rich history with organized

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## College rankings rankle Pitt

Business school dean questions sizable drop

By Megan Tomasiac  
 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Months after large-scale boycotts of the U.S. News & World Report college rankings by law and medical schools across the country ranked academics, many like the University of Pittsburgh are seemingly once again toasting the importance of the designation.

On Tuesday, the news organization released the 2023 best business school rankings in which Pitt fell by 98th out of 124.

That's a significant decrease from last year when the program sat at 10th and from three years ago when it came in at 28th, according to an email obtained by the Post-Gazette from Greg Anderson, dean of the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business and College of Business Administration.

"When there's a decline, and especially in the case of a steep drop like this one, it becomes all the more important to take a steady-eyed look at the underlying reasons and take appropriate action steps," Mr. Anderson said in the

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## McCabe funeral homes close after 153-year run

By Mark DeLo  
 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

After more than 150 years in business, a prominent local funeral home business with properties in Shadyside and Bloomfield has held its last visitation.

McCabe Brothers Funeral Home ceased operations on April 26, ending a 153-year run that began in the Strip District in 1870.

Edward G. McCabe, the funeral home's owner and president, attributed the closing mainly to

personal health issues that made it difficult to run the business.

In an email response to questions, he added that the buildings owned by the funeral home are more than 100 years old and "keeping up with the maintenance was just impossible."

"I held out as long as I could. Probably too long," he said.

Before its closing, McCabe Brothers operated at two locations — 4214 Walnut St. in the heart of

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### HARRY BELAFONTE 1927-2023



Entertainer and activist Harry Belafonte at a New York recording studio in November 2021. Mr. Belafonte died Tuesday of congestive heart failure at his New York home. He was 95. **Obituary, A-10.**

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President Joe Biden's reelection announcement, in a three-minute video, comes on the four-year anniversary of when Biden declared for the White House in 2019, promising to heal the "wound of the nation" amid the turbulent presidency of Donald Trump. ANDREW HARRIS/MP FILE

## 'Let's finish this job'

Biden announces reelection bid on anniversary of 2020 run

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vided nation.

The announcement, in a three-minute video, comes on the four-year anniversary of when Biden declared for the White House in 2019, promising to heal the "wound of the nation" amid the turbulent presidency of Donald Trump — a goal that has remained elusive.

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## Bed Bath & Beyond bankruptcy saddens shoppers

Stores' closures bring about 'the end of an era'

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Samantha Butler's wedding planning hit a snag. She wanted to register at Bed Bath & Beyond.

But the 52-year-old store chain, headquartered in Union, will be closing this year.

"I'm so sad," she said. "I'm getting married next year and I really wanted to register here, so I'm kind of bummed."

Bed Bath & Beyond — known for being the go-to spot for shoppers looking to outfit dorm rooms and starter homes, and for keeping them coming back with its iconic big, blue 20% off coupons — announced over the weekend that it is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and closing hundreds of stores across the United States. There are 13 stores in New Jersey.

The closures will also affect 130 buybuy Baby stores, of which there are eight in New Jersey.

"I just had a baby, and we shopped at buybuy Baby, and they're closing also, so now I don't know where to get baby items other than Target," said Jennifer Keminski. "I just like seeing the items and touching them."

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### To our readers

Recent mechanical issues at our printing facility have limited our ability to produce the newspaper under our normal deadlines. For the foreseeable future, it will not be possible for some daily content and later-breaking stories to be published. In addition, some content may have a different look. The Record's management and staff remain committed to providing you with a thorough recounting of the day's events from North Jersey and beyond. For late-breaking news, be sure to visit NorthJersey.com.

## Activist, entertainer Harry Belafonte dies

Hilal Italic  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Harry Belafonte, the civil rights and entertainment giant who began as a groundbreaking actor and singer and became an activist, humanist and conscience of the world, has died. He was 96.

Belafonte died Tuesday of congestive heart failure at his New York home, his wife Pamela by his side, said publicist Ken Surin. With his glowing, handsome face and silky, husky voice, Belafonte was one of the first Black performers to gain a wide following on film and to sell a million records as a

singer; many still know him for his signature hit "Banana Boat Song (Day-O)," and its call of "Day-O! Dayaway-O!" Belafonte stands as the model and the epitome of the celebrity activist. Few kept up with his time and commitment and none his stature as a meeting point among Hollywood, Washington

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U.S. President Joe Biden walks back to the Oval Office after honoring the Teachers of the Year in the Rose Garden at the White House in Washington, D.C., on Monday. On Tuesday, he formally launched his 2024 presidential campaign.

## Charlotte OKs \$23.64 million for affordable housing

BY JOY WATSON  
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The Charlotte City Council voted Monday to spend \$20.26 million from the Housing Trust Fund and another \$3.38 million in federal money to help pay for more than 600 affordable units. The council voted 10-1 to fund eight projects. Councilman Tariq Bokhari was the sole dissenting vote, saying affordable housing is a massive problem the council isn't making a dent in.

"It's tens of thousands of units that's the problem," he said. "Meanwhile, we're talking about hundreds of units here."

The council drained the trust fund in December before it was replenished with \$50 million approved by voters in a November bond referendum. The city first created the Housing Trust Fund in 2001 to provide financing to developers to build affordable housing.

One condition of the city's approval: at least 20% of the developer's units must be for people who earn 50% of the area's median income. Last year, that meant \$19,600 for a single person, \$22,600 for a couple and \$28,250 for a family of four. The units also will be subject to a deed restriction — some up to 40 years — that keeps them affordable.

Most of the projects approved Monday also are eligible for tax credits. The allocations approved by council Monday from the Housing Trust Fund include:

- Union at Tryon — \$3.8 million in funding for 200 units off of North Tryon Street in University City.

## Biden announces 2024 campaign with Harris on ticket

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WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden says he will seek a second term in the White House, announcing his reelection campaign in a video on Tuesday promising to finish

the job if given four more years. Biden's announcement comes four years to the day after he launched his successful campaign in 2019 against a sitting Republican president, Donald Trump, who has already announced his own reelection bid and currently leads the polls for the GOP nomination.

"When I ran for President four years ago, I said we are in a battle for the soul of America," Biden said in the video. "And we still are. The question we are facing is whether in the years ahead we have more freedom or less freedom. More rights or fewer."

"I know what I want the answer to be, and I think you do too," the president continued. "This is not a time to be complacent. That's why I'm running for re-election."

While Democratic Party insiders expect their voters to rally around Biden, the 80-year-old president faces persistent concerns across the electorate over his age. Biden is already the oldest sitting president in American history and would be 86 at the end of a second term.

A recent NBC News poll showed that 70% of Americans, and 51% of Democrats, would prefer Biden not run for reelection, with half of those polled citing his age as a "major" concern.

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## New Charlotte airport overlook will have playground, park

BY JOY WATSON  
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Charlotte airport officials revealed plans this week for a permanent overlook with playgrounds, picnic tables, bicycle racks and other amenities. And that's besides the "spectacular" views of take-offs and landings on Runway 18C/18C

and a future fourth parallel runway, officials said. The city skyline and CLT terminals can be seen from the overlook. The overlook is scheduled to open late next spring or early summer on airport land just west of the previous overlook off Marshall Drive. Pending City Council approval, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin late this summer or early fall.

You could almost make it a day, as the overlook will include two age-specific playgrounds, along with picnic tables and benches and an expanded food truck area with 10 covered picnic tables. Overlook restrooms will include baby-changing stations. Pets will be welcome, too, getting their own relief area.

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Charlotte airport officials revealed plans on Tuesday for a permanent overlook with playgrounds, picnic tables, bicycle racks and other new amenities.



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- **In Kentucky:** [Lexington Herald-Leader](#): President Biden announces he will run for reelection, with Harris on the ticket
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- **In New Jersey:** [Star-Ledger Editorial Board](#): Go Biden! | Editorial
- **In North Carolina:** [The Queen City News](#): NC Democratic lawmakers begin rolling out endorsements amid Biden's reelection bid
- **In Pennsylvania:** [The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#): Joe Biden is running for president again, and all eyes will be on Pennsylvania
- **In Wisconsin:** [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#): Wisconsin Democrats rally around Biden re-election announcement

Following the campaign launch, DNC Chair Jaime Harrison and reelection Co-Chairs Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester and Congresswoman Veronica Escobar took to the airwaves across the country, touting President Biden's and Vice President Harris' record delivering for the American people and discussing the campaign's efforts to engage voters in key states.

- **In Las Vegas, Nevada:** [Rep. Veronica Escobar on KSNV](#): "It is a critical state when you look at the electoral map, and so the campaign wants to make sure that we are reaching out to everybody, everywhere, but there are some states that are priorities for us like Nevada."



- **In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:** [Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester on WCAU](#): “I think his actions actually make the case. ... Everything from infrastructure and creating more jobs than we have seen, unemployment rate the lowest in 50 years, focusing on the PACT Act for our veterans.”



- **In Greenville, South Carolina:** [DNC Chair Jaime Harrison on WHNS](#): “Think about what this president has accomplished with a 50-50 United States Senate and under a five-seat majority in the House of Representatives. He’s created more than 12 million jobs; that’s more jobs in two years than any president has created in four. The lowest unemployment rate we’ve seen in 50 years.”



- **In Milwaukee, Wisconsin:** [DNC Chair Jaime Harrison on WISN](#): “You have seen how Wisconsin has not moved out of the eye of America – it’s the political storm in America. It is right there, front and center. It is a swing state, it is a big, big battleground state, and we’re going to invest a lot of time and resources in that state.”



- **In Reno, Nevada:** [Congresswoman Veronica Escobar on KTVN](#): “Nevadans are going to see a lot more ad buys, they’re going to see a lot of GOTV Get-Out-The-Vote activity, a lot of engagement with Nevadans.”



- **In Charleston, South Carolina:** [DNC Chair Jaime Harrison on WCBD](#): “South Carolina is special to the president, it’s special to the vice president ... So we are going to make sure that we have the resources, that folks get an opportunity to hear from the president and the vice president, to hear about the vision that they have, about how they will continue to deliver for them and how they will continue to fight for them and their rights.”



On Tuesday evening in Washington, D.C., Vice President Harris continued leading the fight to protect reproductive freedoms, addressing students at her alma mater, Howard University, for the Fighting for Reproductive Rights rally.

- The Dig | Howard University: [Vice President Kamala Harris '86 Provides Remarks at Reproductive Rights Event at Howard University](#)
- CNN: [Kamala Harris to make the case for Biden's reelection at abortion rights rally](#)
- POLITICO: ['Don't get in our way,' Harris urges in speech at Howard University](#)
- NPR: [Harris starts her 2024 race with a fired-up speech on the fight for abortion rights](#)

Meanwhile, Republican presidential candidates Donald Trump and Nikki Haley made news in Virginia and New Hampshire, voicing their support for a federal abortion ban as the 2024 GOP field works overtime to out-MAGA each other. After Trump appointed three of the justices who voted to overturn Roe v. Wade and promised to sign a national abortion ban, the Republican field will stop at nothing to finish what he started and ban abortion nationwide.

- **In New Hampshire:** WMUR 9: [Former President Trump on abortion: 'We'll get something done where everyone is going to be very satisfied'](#)

- **In South Carolina:** Greenville Online News: [Presidential candidate Nikki Haley of SC: 'I do believe there is a federal role on abortion'](#)
- **In Virginia:** [@ShelbyTalcott](#): Nikki Haley is now speaking at the SBA List HQ in Virginia. She opens by noting that today's speech will be focused on "the conversation around abortion." "My record on abortion is long and clear. As a state legislator, I voted for every pro-life bill that came before me."