



Profile: Free State Project Member Varrin Swearingen

Free State Project Members

Free State Project members sign a pledge to move to New Hampshire and work to change the way of life in our state. They do not move here for a job, or for family, or even because they like what New Hampshire has to offer. Instead, they move here because a political group they are affiliated with voted on a state to move to in order to enact a political agenda, and New Hampshire was the unlucky recipient of that vote.

State House Candidate Varrin Swearingen (Cheshire District 16: Keene)

State House candidate Varrin Swearingen moved to New Hampshire in 2004 as part of the Free State Project. Sylvia has demonstrated considerable ties to the Free State Project, including:

- **Swearingen signed the early mover pledge, which was aimed at getting 1,000 Free Staters to move to New Hampshire early to establish a network for other Free Staters to follow in later years.** The majority of FSP participants will not move until 20,000 individuals have signed on for the Free State Project. [Free State Project. [First 1,000 Pledge](#). 2003-2006]
- **Swearingen is a current Free State Project board member and served for several years as President of the Free State Project.** Swearingen also served as the National Media Representative for the FSP. [Free State Project. [About/Organization and Structure](#). Accessed October 2014]
- **Swearingen is known as a Free Stater in political circles, but he purposely leaves his Free State Project affiliation off campaign materials and his campaign website.** [Varrin Swearingen. [Campaign Website](#). Accessed October 2014]

Why is Varrin Swearingen's FSP Affiliation Important?

The ultra-extreme Free State Project voted on a state to move 20,000 people to, with the stated purpose to take over state government and dismantle it. The Free State Project seeks to create a libertarian "utopia" void of public infrastructure and common laws, and to use the power of numbers to dramatically change New Hampshire – even threatening secession from the rest of the country.¹ Members like Varrin Swearingen are actively working to help the Free State Project fulfill those goals.

For more information about the Free State Project Watch of Granite State Progress, contact (603) 225-2471 or freestateprojectwatch@granitestateprogress.org.

¹ "Once we've taken over the state government, we can slash state and local budgets, which make up a sizeable proportion of the tax and regulatory burden we face every day. Furthermore, we can eliminate substantial federal interference by refusing to take highway funds and the strings attached to them. Once we've accomplished these things, we can bargain with the national government over reducing the role of the national government in our state. We can use the threat of secession as leverage to do this." [Announcement: [The Free State Project](#) by Founder Jason Sorens]