

STATEMENT

Stefany Shaheen and her family have been called out repeatedly by the Boston Globe and Union Leader for self-enrichment due to her mother's political connections. Including a \$44 million dollar government grant delivered to Stefany's company after quote "persistent" advocacy by her mother.

Verification

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In 2023, ARMI Won A \$44 Million Grant From The U.S. Department Of Commerce After “Persistent” Advocacy From Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, Leading To Questions Of Whether Stefany Shaheen’s Involvement Was A Conflict Of Interest

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When Asked Whether Her Daughter’s Involvement Was A Conflict Of Interest, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen Said Her Daughter Was Paid By ARMI And Not The Government. “Senator Shaheen's daughter, Stefany Shaheen, serves as chief strategy officer for ARMI and spoke with Raimondo during Friday's tour. When asked by a reporter whether her daughter's involvement should raise concerns about potential conflicts of interest, Senator Shaheen said her daughter is paid by ARMI, not the government.” (Steven Porter, “Officials tout \$44m federal investment in N.H. biotech industry; Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo joined both US senators from New Hampshire, plus local officials, for a roundtable about the future of the ‘BioFabrication Cluster’ in Manchester,” Boston Globe, 7/15/23)

As A Paid Consultant For ARMI Since 2018, Shaheen Was Paid \$120,000 Per Year. “Stefany Shaheen, the senator’s daughter, has been a paid consultant for ARMI since 2018, earning \$120,000 annually, according to tax records. When asked if that was an appropriate relationship given the senator’s advocacy for ARMI, Shaheen responded that her daughter ‘was being paid by ARMI, not by the government.’ Tax records show ARMI’s operating budget is largely funded by federal grants.” (Todd Bookman, “Dean Kamen’s private companies reap millions from the federally funded nonprofit he runs,” [American Public Media](#), 11/19/23)

U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo Said Manchester And ARMI’s Application Stood Out Because Of The “Persistent Advocacy Of Shaheen And Hassan.” “Senator

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Sen. Jeanne Shaheen Has Been A Long Time Ally Of ARMI’s Executive Director, Dean Kamen, Supporting Legislation Benefitting His Companies And Non-Profits Since At Least 2002. “But at least \$34 million of the project’s funding is flowing through ARMI and into a constellation of for-profit businesses controlled by the nonprofit’s executive director: Dean Kamen, a prolific inventor and New Hampshire icon best known for developing the Segway scooter. ... During her 2002 State of the State address before a joint session of the New Hampshire Legislature, then-Gov. Shaheen made a request. ‘Some may scoff at Dean Kamen’s Segway, just as 90 years ago, horse and buggy loyalists assumed that the automobile was a fad,’ Shaheen told lawmakers. She then asked them to pass a bill to allow people to ride Segways on New Hampshire sidewalks, as long as they didn’t exceed 15 miles per hour. ... Less than a month later, lawmakers had a bill on Shaheen’s desk, which she signed into law. Two decades later, Shaheen represents New Hampshire in the U.S. Senate, and she continues to use her position to help Kamen. That includes the minting of a 2021 commemorative coin in honor of Christa McAuliffe, a Concord social studies teacher selected to go to space aboard NASA’s Challenger, which exploded in 1986 shortly after liftoff. Kamen’s robotics nonprofit, FIRST, was given \$10 for every silver coin sold, thanks to legislation sponsored by Shaheen, generating \$600,000, according to the United State Mint. Their relationship also helped solidify the \$44 million Build Back Better grant money, according to Commerce Secretary Raimondo. During her visit to Manchester this summer, she joked about the nudging she received from Shaheen during the application process.” (Todd Bookman, “Dean Kamen’s private companies reap millions from the federally funded nonprofit he runs,” [American Public Media](#), 11/19/23)