

## Distinguished Maine Policy Fellow

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**Wednesday**  
**November 18, 2015**

**Sara Gideon**  
**Asst. Majority Leader**  
**Maine House of Representatives**



Assistant Majority Leader Sara Gideon of Freeport is serving her second term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is a past member of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, where she worked to lower energy costs, encourage increased energy efficiency and promote clean and renewable energy to capitalize on Maine's natural resources and build a clean-energy economy.

Gideon was elected to the Freeport Town Council, serving as vice chairwoman. She has been an active classroom volunteer in RSU 5, has served on the boards of Freeport Community Services and the Freeport Economic Development Corporation.

Gideon graduated from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she also worked as an intern for U.S. Sen. Claiborne Pell, Democrat of Rhode Island. She spent most of her career as an advertising account executive for a nationally renowned newspaper, where she was awarded the president's award for excellence in sales.

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