

A large stage has been prepared at [the Shaboo Stage outdoor events center] in Willimantic, AC. It is a sunny spring day with clear skies, a bald eagle can be seen flying in the skies nearby. More press is present at this rally than Rep. Eddie's prior Marienville ATV rally kickoff. A large, green dot is present on the center of the expanded stage with a podium featuring the Eddie for Senate campaign logo on it. A large crowd has gathered to see Representative PhlebotinumEddie speak, but he is nowhere to be seen… yet suspenseful noise. Suddenly, the audience looks to the sky as the plane flies right above.The audience sees a man jump out of the plane as it passes over the stage, skillfully deploying his green parachute, emblazoned with "Eddie for Atlantic Senate", timing his landing perfectly. The audience cheers as Rep. Eddie lands with precision on the green dot, raising his fists above his head and waving to the audience, after quickly removing his parachute. He steps up to the microphone to give his speech, leaving his hair unkempt after the fall.

A terrific audience here today! It is so wonderful to see you up close now instead of from the sky! It is so great to see such a diverse audience here in Willimantic, a wonderful town in the quiet corner of Connecticut, my amazing home state before it became a part of the Atlantic Commonwealth. Y'all are a true reflection of what makes your community so great. Let me address something before my opponents try to craft their own commentary. These very extreme entrances I've been having, they're all funded with my own savings I have frugally accumulated over my life. I will never, NEVER use money from my own campaign chest, or, more importantly, your tax dollars for these little stunts. I'd like to thank my dear cousin Matt for flying us here from nearby Colchester airport on his plane. [Eddie waves to the plane as it flies back to the airport] But more importantly, you may all still be wondering why these entrances in the first place. For starters I am a thrill seeker. I'll be honest, I have been my entire life and I am not ashamed to admit it. This admittedly reckless lifestyle comes with its risks much like holding and running for political office! [Audience laughs] But more importantly, I just want to show that I am not afraid to break the mold of how a typical politician should act. I'm going to be myself! I believe that it is important to campaign clearly on the issues and to not resort to things like some pompous political jargon to get our points across. But an entertaining entrance, that's what I'll do! I believe in talking to you plainly and clearly on the issues.

Now let me get to the main issues, starting with recent events south of our border. To a degree I support the administration's intentions to combat drug cartels in Mexico. Though I will push them

to seek further authorization from congress to ensure a response that will not lead to another strategic quagmire like Vietnam, Iraq and the like. I think we need to do more to bring stable living conditions to the people in the nations south of the Rio Grande through humanitarian efforts and direct aid. Doing so will help ease the amount of people trying to escape the situation down there and flooding up here. I still believe in allowing immigration from everywhere into the United States. But we also need to acknowledge that many of these people would rather the situation back home improve than have to leave everything for America. It is a simpler and more effective solution. A solution for everyone. I am glad President Adith agrees with me on this and am confident we will work well together on the matter.

Let me address my similarities to our good Governor Superpacman. Let me make it clear that we do agree on many issues, but we differ crucially in our approaches in key ways. Still, I firmly believe that together we can achieve more for the Atlantic Commonwealth with our combined efforts; state and federal government working towards a common goal. Governor Pacman wants to double the standard deduction for your state income taxes. I prefer to increase *deductions* for working class Americans, as well as those below the poverty line. I will work to ensure you get more back on your federal tax returns! [an audience member yells "YES!" followed by applause] I want to bring in federal funding to help the state build more offshore wind and tidal power stations, bringing along with it many good paying jobs! I'll work to ensure clean drinking water for every Atlantean, every American! We will bring in further assistance to continue former Governor House's efforts to improve the infrastructure of the commonwealth, ["YES!"] bring greater ease of voting in every form, registration, access to the polls, ensuring everyone has time to vote regardless of their employment, and expanding access to voting via the internet and mail in ballots! We must ensure that the right to vote is upheld and ensure everyone can make their voice heard! We must raise teacher's salaries and tie them to inflation! And that matter brings me to another issue that has come to my attention…

Representative Eddie holds up a printed statement from "Minarchists of Atlantic"

My staff were notified of this statement by a concerned constituent who works in our public school system. But firstly let me remark on the nature of this statement, why resort to poetry? We need clear, concise language, calling for real change, not some uninterpretable mess of words. I have nothing against poetry, but it is a ridiculous way to get a point across to the general public. We are not here for poets, we are here for real clear calls for change! ["YES!"] I saw the point loud and clear myself and let me tell you I am not a fan of it. That was advocacy for abolishing our public school system. I will do everything as your representative, and hopefully senator if you decide to elect me, to ensure that our public schools are not abolished. It would throw our education system into disarray, forcing parents to cope with the sudden replacement of their children's public education systems all across the Commonwealth. And more importantly it would throw the employment of countless teachers and school workers up in the air. Who will replace the public school system that employs them and can they take on the burden of a portion of or the entirety of our public school system, no matter how many private entities may do so? How long will it take to transition to a fully privatized school system? I'd like to hear more details on this idea but I think it would be utter chaos to be honest. We must

ensure continued access to public school for the youth of the Atlantic Commonwealth! We must ensure a continuation of our current public education system and not throw them into disarray! I will work to ensure stability and progress for our state's educational system, to provide federal funding to help alleviate the finances of the Atlantic Commonwealth and the United States!

Thank you all for taking the time to hear me today. I wish you all the very best and look forward to spending time in your community afterwards getting to know as many of you as I can. Hearing your concerns and stories. Bless you all! And bless the Atlantic Commonwealth and United States of America!