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Bow & Concord, NH

Amanda Grappone Osmer Testifies Before U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Concord, NH — April 29, 2026 — Amanda Grappone Osmer, President of Grappone Automotive Group, testified Wednesday before the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, sharing the story of her family’s business and the role small businesses play in supporting communities across New Hampshire and beyond.

Speaking on behalf of Grappone Automotive’s 235 team members in Bow and Concord, Grappone Osmer reflected on the company’s beginnings, rooted in the journey of her great-great-grandparents who immigrated to the United States in 1891 in search of opportunity. Through hard work, resourcefulness, and a willingness to take risks, her family built what began as a single gas pump into a business that has served generations of customers.

“An entrepreneurial spirit has gotten us to where we are, and I have faith that it will lead us soundly into the next century of business,” said Grappone Osmer.

In her remarks, Grappone Osmer emphasized the broader impact of local businesses. Across New Hampshire, auto dealers employ nearly 12,500 people and contribute more than \$700 million in annual payroll. At Grappone Automotive, that impact extends beyond business operations, with a long-standing commitment to giving back to the community.

She also highlighted the importance of creating opportunities within the workplace, where team members feel connected to their work and empowered to grow.

“To me, the presence of entrepreneurialism is a sign of a healthy business ecosystem,” she said. “Entrepreneurs are, by nature, creative people, and where creativity exists, so does a sense of optimism.”

Grappone Osmer pointed to examples across New Hampshire—from agriculture to advanced manufacturing—where innovation and hands-on learning are shaping the next generation of workers and business leaders.

As a fourth-generation leader, she spoke to the responsibility of continuing the legacy her family began more than a century ago, while looking ahead to future generations.

“Because they followed their entrepreneurial spirit, the fifth generation of Grappones can step into the business and carry on the tradition of caring for our team, guests, and community with integrity, kindness, and respect.”

Grappone Automotive Group has been serving New Hampshire since 1924 and represents the Ford, Honda, and Mazda brands. They also maintain a wholesale parts operation serving all of northern New England.

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