

Legislative Updates and Breaking News from The Moore Center

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## **Governor Hassan Responds to Proposed Cuts**

Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement Thursday on the House Finance Committee's actions on HB1 and HB2:

"Earlier this week, the House Finance Committee recommended a budget with harmful, unnecessary reductions that will hurt families, undermine business growth and take our economy backward. Today, instead of fixing the problems with that budget, they are making things worse.

Instead of responsibly addressing the issues facing our Highway Fund with a modest revenue solution, they are proposing further reductions to the priorities that are critical to the success of our people, families and businesses. These irresponsible cuts threaten to shut down local road and bridge projects, increase the cost of higher education, raid the dedicated Renewable Energy Fund and further downshift the burden on local property tax rate-payers.

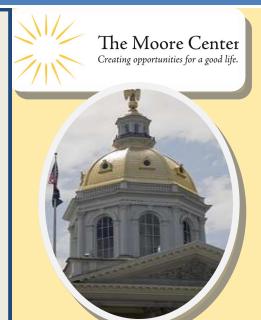
Combined with cuts already proposed to critical services for seniors like Meals on Wheels, to substance misuse, to mental health, to developmental disabilities, to travel and tourism promotion, to municipalities and more, this irresponsible plan will hurt our economic competitiveness and have a significant impact on our ability to continue building the foundation of a more innovative economy. I continue to urge legislators from both parties to do the responsible thing and invest in the success of our people, our businesses and our economy."

## From the Concord Patch:

"House Speaker Shawn Jasper, R-Hudson, has removed a key Republican from the House Budget Finance Committee after she questioned tax increases and priorities in the proposals.

State Rep. Laurie Sanborn, R-Bedford, was removed from the committee just before the vote to approve the bills due to her refusal to support the proposal.

Read the full article here



## State House Rally April 1 to ask Legislators to support all NH Citizens!

We are asking families to join us at the State House on April 1 to show their support in funding a responsible budget. Families do not need to speak at this rally, but we want a presence to hold signs to let the Legislators know that we are concerned about cuts to the budget and the impact that will have on our families.

Also—please call your legislators and ask them to restore funding to the House budget!

Contact Carolann Wais for more info and to let us know if you can attend the rally.

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