



E-CONNECT NEWS

The Moore Center Legislative Updates



Important Hearing on Family and Medical Leave Insurance

This week the family and medical leave insurance bill was passed by the NH House, a great milestone but the first of many on the bills way to becoming law.

On Tuesday, January 16th at 11:00am the House Commerce Committee will be holding a public hearing for HB 628. Our goal is to fill the room with supporters!

The two most important ways you can help get us one step closer to ensuring all granite staters have access to paid family and medical leave are to join us at the hearing on Tuesday and to contact each member of the Commerce Committee directly.

1. Can you join us at the hearing on Tuesday? Please [RSVP](#)

[HERE!](#)

Whether
you
come
to
testify
or
to
help
us
fill
the
room
and
demonstrate
support
for
the
bill
being
present
at
the
hearing
shows
the
committee
that
their
is
a
lot
of
support
for
the
program.

2. Call
commerce
committee
members
urging
support
for
the
bill:

Between
now
and
the
hearing,
we
are
aiming
to
get
thank
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calls
into
those
who
supported
HB628
on
the
floor,
and
asking
those
who
opposed
to
keep
an
open
mind
and
work
to
strengthen
the
bill.
Included
below
is
the
list
along
with
a
short

script
for
calls
to
committee
members.

Commerce members who voted Against the bill on the Floor this week:

Chair: John Hunt, Rindge, (603) 899-6000, jbhunt@prodigy.net, Republican

Michael Costable, Raymond, (603) 303-5217, michael.costable@leg.state.nh.us,
Republican

Elizabeth Ferreira, Nashua, (603) 320-8971, Elizabeth.Ferreira.NH@gmail.com,
Republican

Jason Osborne, Auburn, (603) 391-2138, Jason@Osborne4NH.com, Republican

John Plumer, Belmont, (603) 527-3444, John.Plumer@leg.state.nh.us,
Republican

Laurie Sanborn, Bedford, (603) 682-1557, repsanborn@gmail.com, Republican

Valerie Fraser, New Hampton, (603) 744-0107, valerie.fraser@leg.state.nh.us,
Republican

Bart Fromuth, Bedford, (603) 203-1379, bart@voteforbart.com, Republican

Reed Panasiti, Amherst, (603) 672 4471, Reed.Panasiti@leg.state.nh.us,
Republican

Commerce members who Voted in Support of the bill on the Floor this week:

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Republican

Richard Abel, West Lebanon, (603) 790-8365, Richard.Abel@leg.state.nh.us,
Democrat

Christy Bartlett, Concord, (603) 224-3172, christydbartlett@gmail.com, Democrat

Timothy Fontneau, Rochester, (603) 332-0607, timffornh@yahoo.com, Democrat

Kenneth Gidge, Nashua, (603) 888-2355, Kenneth.Gidge@leg.state.nh.us,
Democrat

David Luneau, Hopkinton, (603) 746-6484, dluneauNH@gmail.com, Democrat

Rebecca McBeath, Portsmouth, (603) 834-3281, NHStateHouse@gmail.com,
Democrat

Kermit Williams, Wilton, (603) 654-7684, kermit.williams@leg.state.nh.us,
Democrat

Connie Van Houten, Manchester, (603) 622-9701,
Constance.VanHouten@leg.state.nh.us, Democrat

Absent on the day of the floor vote:

Edward Butler, Harts Location, (603) 374-6131, edofthenotch@gmail.com,
Democrat

Vice Chair: Barbara Biggie, Milford, (603) 930-5600,
barbara.biggie@leg.state.nh.us, Republican

SAMPLE CALL SCRIPT:

Hi Representative, my name is _____. I live in _____ and I'm calling about the Family and Medical Leave bill, House Bill 628. Establishing such a program here in New Hampshire would help working people care for themselves or a family member without losing their financial security. As a member of the Commerce Committee, I know you'll be examining this bill closely and I urge you to vote YES on HB 628.

I think this bill would help NH employers and employees, can I count on you to vote for it?

NEW

Support Group for Parents (or siblings) of Adult Children with Developmental Disabilities

Info

**share your experiences and concerns
network with others**

...toward creating the best situations possible for our loved ones. They deserve it.

**Wednesday January 17, 2018
from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Moore Center**

If you would like to attend

RSVP to Elizabeth Webster at the following email:
EWebsterConsulting@gmail.com

**to reserve a place, get more info about where to go,
and connect in case of a weather postponement**

Reserve your spot by emailing EWebsterConsulting@gmail.com



Apartment Complex Caters To Adults With Developmental Disabilities

This is a great [article from Disability Scoop](#) about an apartment complex in Orlando, FL that is strictly for adults with developmental disabilities capable of living on their own. The affordable housing project is the first of its kind in metro Orlando, and there are only four similar developments throughout the state, all opened within the past two years. Check out the article [here](#) - let's hope this idea can migrate up to NH soon!

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