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Governor Hassan to Nominate Senator Jerry Little as Commissioner of New Hampshire Banking Department

CONCORD – As part of her efforts to protect consumers and ensure a robust financial sector that can support New Hampshire's strengthening economy, Governor Maggie Hassan today announced that she will nominate state Senator Gerald H. "Jerry" Little of Weare as Commissioner of the New Hampshire Banking Department.

"The New Hampshire Banking Department is critical to ensuring strong protections for New Hampshire's citizens while also supporting a strong financial sector, which is crucial to innovative economic growth, helping people and businesses access the credit and capital that they need to grow and thrive," Governor Hassan said. "Senator Little has extensive experience in the banking industry and working in state and local government, and I am confident that his expertise and integrity will help him fulfill the Banking Commissioner's important responsibilities to protect New Hampshire consumers and support our financial sector."

Currently in his first term as the state Senator for District 8, Senator Little serves as the Vice Chairman for the Senate Finance Committee, as the Vice Chairman for the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and as a member of the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee. He previously spent two decades as the President of the New Hampshire Bankers Association (NHBA) and Executive Director of the NHBA Insurance Trust.

Last year, Senator Little worked extensively with Live Free and Start – an initiative of the Governor's Office, the Department of Resources and Economic Development and the Business Finance Authority that brings together business leaders and entrepreneurs to make it easier for innovative businesses to start up and grow – on bipartisan legislation that modernized the state's securities regulations.

Senator Little received his undergraduate degree from the University of New Hampshire, and he is currently the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Granite State Management and Resources (an affiliate of the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Network) and a member of the Town of Weare Capital Improvements Program Committee. He also previously served as the founding chairman of the Weare Public Library Foundation, Town of Weare Moderator, and on the New Hampshire Bar Foundation Board of Directors.

"I am deeply honored by this nomination," said Senator Little. "Serving as New Hampshire Banking Commissioner will allow me to continue my long-time commitments to public service and economic development in a way that benefits every citizen, business and organization in the state, and allow me to continue the important work of ensuring strong protections for all New Hampshire consumers."

The nomination is subject to approval by Executive Council and will be formally submitted by Governor Hassan to the Council at tomorrow's meeting.

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