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Governor Hassan Condemns House Rejection of Funds to Support Law Enforcement in Opioid Crisis

CONCORD – After the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted against Senate Bill 485, legislation that was part of the Governor's comprehensive proposal last November and would have established a statewide grant program to assist state and local law enforcement in seizing illicit drugs and arresting drug dealers, Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement:

"We are in the midst of an opioid crisis that is impacting every corner of our state. Our law enforcement and first responders need help urgently, which is why I asked the legislature to act on this measure during a special session in November. Instead, the legislature delayed acting for months, and attached a controversial and unrelated measure to this critically important bill. In this case, the legislature put political games ahead of the health and safety of the people of New Hampshire, and I will begin exploring all other options to move forward this important effort to support law enforcement, which had received broad bipartisan support."

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