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Governor Hassan's Statement on U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Addiction

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement on "Facing Addiction in America," the U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs and Health that was released today:

"The U.S. Surgeon General's report on addiction that was released today reinforces what has been widely known in New Hampshire – the substance misuse crisis is the most pressing public health challenge facing our communities, our state and our country. It also importantly recognizes that addiction is a disease that must be treated as we would any other illness or chronic condition, which is critical to changing the culture around substance use disorders and behavioral health.

"Here in New Hampshire, we are working across party lines to implement a comprehensive strategy to strengthen prevention, treatment and recovery and support law enforcement, and we know that we must continue working together every day to support those battling addiction on the front lines in order to stem and reverse the tide of this horrible epidemic and help save lives."

[The Surgeon General's full report is available at addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/](http://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/)

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