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## Press Release



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### Governor Hassan's Statement on Senate Passage of \$1 Billion to Combat Opioid Crisis

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement after the U.S. Senate passed legislation that includes \$1 billion to combat the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis:

"The heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis is the most pressing public health challenge facing our communities, our state and our country, and we must ensure that those on the front lines have the tools they need to combat this horrible epidemic. In New Hampshire, we worked across party lines earlier this year to provide additional resources to law enforcement and prevention, treatment and recovery providers, and I applaud Congress for working in a bipartisan manner to pass this critical funding. We must continue working together to combat this crisis and help save lives, and I look forward to this funding getting out the door to support states as quickly as possible."

Last month, Governor Hassan [sent a letter to U.S. Congressional leadership urging the passage of additional annual and emergency funding](#) to combat the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis. As Vice Chair of the National Governors Association (NGA) Health and Human Services Committee, [Governor Hassan helped lead efforts](#) with the committee chair, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker, to call for additional federal action to support states, including calling for emergency federal funding.

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