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Governor Hassan Applauds Signing of Additional Federal Funding to Combat Opioid Crisis

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement after attending the bill signing ceremony at the White House for the 21st Century Cures Act, which includes \$1 billion in additional federal funding to combat the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis:

“As the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis devastates families, businesses and communities across the state, it is critical that we continue working at all levels of government to ensure that those on the front lines have the tools they need. I applaud the bipartisan efforts that led to President Obama signing this critical federal funding today, and I was honored to attend the ceremony at the White House this afternoon.

“In New Hampshire, we worked across party lines earlier this year to provide additional resources to law enforcement and to support prevention, treatment and recovery efforts, and I am pleased that Washington has now done the same. I encourage the administration to get this funding out the door as quickly as possible to support the people and communities who need help, and I will continue working with members from both parties and stakeholders at all levels as we work together to combat this horrible epidemic and help save lives.”

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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