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## NEW HAMPSHIRE MOST RESTRICTIVE STATE THANK YOU GOVERNOR

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CONCORD, N.H.—As Gov. Chris Sununu's stay-at-home orders expire today, it's important to remember how this governor plunged the state's economy into a tail spin with more restrictions than any other state, according to WalletHub.com.

"Under Sununu, we have become the 'Live to Comply' state," said Karen Testerman, a Republican primary gubernatorial challenger to the governor. "The stay-at-home order has been lifted for now, but Gov. Sununu is continuing his 'state of emergency' order and may order another lockdown at any time."

According to Kevin Freeman of the Economic War Room, the longer a state remains under a stay-at-home order, the more economic devastation occurs and the harder it is to recover.

"We need a leader who will work with the next Legislature to change the law that allows this governor or any governor to order businesses, organizations and individuals around so this will never happen again," Testerman said. "People are best equipped to rise above crises when they are free to make their own decisions about what is best for their customers, their businesses, their families and themselves."

Research from Edleman Laureate winner and math modeler, Kenneth G. Cooper, indicates that the 14 percent increase in unemployment New Hampshire experienced equates to 110,000 workers without jobs. Based on an

average monthly wage of \$5,800 per month in the Granite State, that equates to \$600 million in lost earnings for the citizens of New Hampshire.

"Enough is enough! It's time to put Granite Staters back to work without restrictions," Testerman said. "We need to get government out of the way and remove every possible barrier of entry into the market. To rebuild New Hampshire, we need an executive ready to lead and inspire Granite Staters to make New Hampshire great again, and I am asking for you to give me that role."

Karen Testerman is a Republican candidate for Governor.