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Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
New Hampshire State House  
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Governor Sununu,

Thank you for your service to the people of New Hampshire. The Republican Party has demonstrated its value in maintaining the New Hampshire Advantage under your leadership. The courage to stand tall and veto 57 bills last session is noteworthy and inspiring to us all. As a County Committee we will work tirelessly to support all Republicans on the ballot in November. The future of the Granite State depends on our collective success.

With respect to the Covid-19 pandemic response, we urge you to re-open of all aspects of our New Hampshire society and business, limiting activity on a rare exception basis only. The initial responses to the uncertainty of the virus are completely understandable. We needed to err on the side of caution to protect our citizens. We cannot, however, live in fear. That is not the Live Free or Die way.

The collateral damage from the “stay at home” executive orders range from untreated physical and mental health concerns, to devastation of small businesses and the American dream of individual owners, to a perceived assault on religious liberty, to a movement for mail in voting which could destroy the integrity of our elections. While we commend the efforts of the COVID-19 task force, we call on the State Government to provide critical information and trust her citizens to make their own decisions.

All indications are that this virus impacts those over 60 years of age, particularly residents and staff in Long Term Care Facilities, at a rate vastly greater than the overall population. We urge protocols that protect those loved ones from infection while finding innovative ways to increase interaction with families, children and grand-children. Family interactions are critical to maintaining a positive mental outlook and sense of well-being. Both protection and family interaction are necessary for the self-respect and dignity of our “greatest generation” who have already endured so much for our benefit. We can do better.

We look forward to supporting your decisions to keep New Hampshire a shining example of how to do things right and pray for continued wisdom as you navigate through these difficult times.

Respectfully,

*Chris Ager*

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