



The Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire

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Christopher T. Sununu
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Commissioner Nicholas Toumpas
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301-3852

Re: Providing Choices for Women's Health Care in New Hampshire

Dear Commissioner Toumpas,

I want to once again express my thanks to you and your staff for providing quality data and information to the Executive Council during last week's debate surrounding funding for various Family Planning Programs in our state.

Last week the Executive Council and Governor Hassan debated the issue of whether or not it was appropriate, given the ethical and legal questions surrounding Planned Parenthood, to continue providing the organization with supplemental funding dollars they receive directly from the State of New Hampshire. As part of that discussion I raised my ongoing concern that in my district, where there are numerous health care facilities, there are very few choices for women other than Planned Parenthood to access these funds and services. Planned Parenthood has managed to discourage other qualified health care providers from bidding on this contract.

New Hampshire women should not be forced to seek important health services from an organization that is immersed in scandal and currently being investigated by Congress. They deserve more choices and greater access to health care.

I implored Governor Hassan to help find additional alternatives for women's health care in New Hampshire. Astonishingly, Governor Hassan refused to even consider this reasonable request and argued that more choice and alternatives in women's health care would not help. Her unwillingness to look for other providers is very disappointing for my constituents who have been calling for alternative choices in women's health care.

I have asked for Governor Hassan put her political considerations aside and with the Executive Council help find a bipartisan solution to this problem. If the governor continues to refuse to provide leadership in finding healthcare alternatives for New Hampshire women, I am available to help you and your team in achieving those goals.

Please let me know what else I can do to help reach out to the local health care community. I believe that with committed resources we can find more options for women resulting in an overall better quality of care for the people of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

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cc: Governor Margaret Wood Hassan

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