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Today, the New Hampshire House recognized that black lives matter and memorialized, through a House Resolution, both the needless death of black Americans in the United States and acknowledged the national outcry for recognition and reform. Hours after passage of the resolution, House Republicans refused to move forward with substantive legislation that would take steps to protect the lives of black and brown Granite Staters. Author of the proposed legislation and Chair of the House Criminal Justice Committee, **Representative Renny Cushing (D-Hampton)**, released the following statement:

“The request to introduce legislation addressing racial profiling, disproportionate representation of people of color in arrests and incarceration, and unconscious bias in our policing, corrections and criminal justice system and judicial systems is both timely and long overdue. We have been acknowledging and crafting policy around criminal justice reform for many decades and while we have made important strides, we must also admit where we have fallen short and we must not hesitate in our response to take further action. I am deeply disappointed by my colleagues who refused to allow this imperative legislation to move forward for the protection of black and brown Granite Staters.”

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