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SUNUNU BLOCKS ASSISTANCE FOR RENTERS AFFECTED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Today, Governor Sununu vetoed [HB 1247](#), legislation to provide assistance to renters affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. **Representative Casey Conley (D-Dover)**, prime sponsor of the bill, released the following statement:

“HB 1247 was designed to provide critical assistance to New Hampshire residents who fell behind in their rent due to job losses or lost income during a once-in-a-century pandemic. This legislation would have given tenants time to repay the rent that they couldn’t pay during the worst months of the pandemic, and also included basic tenant protections for some of the most housing insecure people in our state and reaffirmation of the obligation of mortgage lenders to deal in good faith with homeowners.

New Hampshire already had an affordable housing and homelessness crisis before the pandemic, which will make a difficult situation even worse. Governor Sununu's veto will lead to more evictions, more foreclosures and more homelessness in our state at a time when local welfare offices and social services agencies are already stretched thin.”

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