

RELEASE: Governor Sununu Vetoes Paid Leave for Second Time, Again Turning His Back on New Hampshire Families

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TURNING HIS BACK ON NEW HAMPSHIRE FAMILIES**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Just hours after receiving the bill for his consideration, Governor Sununu vetoed [House Bill 712](#), legislation that would have created a paid family and medical leave insurance program. After the veto **Representative Mary Jane Wallner (D-Concord), Chair of the House Finance Committee** and long-time advocate for paid family and medical leave, released the following statement:

“Access to paid family and medical leave insurance allows parents to welcome a child into their home, an individual with substance use disorder to take time to get the treatment they need, and people working full time to be there for their loved ones through illness and injury. It is a fact that employees with access to this type of leave report higher job satisfaction, are more likely to stay in their jobs for longer, and even work more hours in the years following taking the time they need to care for themselves or a loved one. We have been working on this legislation for over 20 years, and now the only person stopping it is Governor Sununu.

“For anyone who has watched Governor Sununu backtrack on his campaign promises this is unfortunately not a surprising veto. This is the type of behavior that gives politicians a bad name. Governor Sununu has repeatedly expressed support for paid family and medical leave while on the campaign trail, only to veto bipartisan legislation multiple times over his two terms. His only attempt at putting forward legislation was a so called bi-state plan with Vermont that was doomed from the beginning and would have clawed back benefits for state employees in the process.”

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