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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, House Republicans banded together to sustain Governor Sununu's veto of House Bill 712, again killing a bill that would have established a paid family and medical leave insurance program for New Hampshire. After the vote **Representative Mary Jane Wallner (D-Concord)**, prime sponsor of the legislation, released the following statement:

"I wish this was a surprise, but the outcome of House Bill 712 unfortunately follows a path that is at this point is quite predictable. Governor Sununu touts his support of a paid family and medical leave program during his campaigns, and then fails to work with the legislature to actually get a policy passed. When the legislature follows through with our campaign promises and present him with bipartisan, widely support plans that have undergone months and months of work, he vetoes them. If the governor was serious about supporting a paid family and medical leave insurance program, he would prioritize showing up doing the work necessary to find a compromise bill for the people of this state.

No one should have to choose between financial security and caring for a loved one. Access to paid leave is critical for people struggling with substance use disorder, parents welcoming a child into their home, and hardworking citizens across the state caring for aging parents.

I hope that voters see that even in the middle of a pandemic, with more Granite Staters facing economic insecurity, House Republicans voted to back up Governor Sununu instead of their own constituents. If there was ever a time to put party aside and vote to support struggling workers, families, and businesses it would be now."