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**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Today, a racist post that targets Representative Manny Espitia (D-Nashua), House Democratic Floor Leader, surfaced online through a social media site *Telegram*. The threat came in response to a twitter post by [Representative Espitia](#) about racist graffiti in a mostly Latinx neighborhood in his district. In response to news of the threatening post, **House Democratic Leader Renny Cushing (D-Hampton)** released the following statement:

“This attack from a self-identified White Nationalist group on an elected person of color is blatantly racist and frankly disturbing. No person should fear for their own or their family’s safety. Period. The fact that Representative Espitia is being threatened in the neighborhood where he lives and was elected to represent highlights how active racism and racist groups are in New Hampshire.

Representative Espitia and all BIPOC individuals have every right to live and prosper in New Hampshire without fear of any type of threat or discrimination. We must stand together to denounce hate speech and racism against all Granite Staters. We need to call these attacks out when they happen, and all hold each other accountable to taking specific steps toward creating an equitable and safe state to live in.”

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#### **On Background:**

- The letter sent to Acting Attorney Farley and Attorney General Formella is attached to this email.

- Rep Espitia's post: <https://twitter.com/mannyfornh/status/1394792984835670023>
- Report of racist threat made on the platform Telegram: <https://twitter.com/miscellanyblue/status/1395752714294996999>
- Telegram page with the threat: <https://t.me/s/GS131crew>

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