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**HOUSE PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER
REP. RENNY CUSHING**

CONCORD, NH- Tonight, House Progressive Caucus co-chairs **Rep. Chuck Grassie (D-Rochester)**, **Rep. Josh Adjutant (D-Enfield)** and **Rep. Tim Smith (D-Manchester)** released the following statement on behalf of their membership:

“The House Progressive Caucus is devastated by the news of the passing of Democratic Leader, and House Progressive Caucus member Rep. Renny Cushing. Though we've known for a while that he was struggling with cancer, the idea that New Hampshire politics is without him for the first time in a half a century is a seismic shift that we all feel.

Renny leaves behind an unparalleled legacy. His passing is 3 years to the date that the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted to repeal the death penalty by more than a veto proof margin. A project of various politicians in New Hampshire since the 1800's, Renny Cushing put his entire being into it and got it done. All of us who served in the 2018-2019 session will forever remember seeing Renny working overtime with everything he had to win that fight, and the words "New Hampshire can live without the Death Penalty" will forever live with us as a reminder of his steadfast determination to achieving that goal.

Renny was a man of many hats. He had a solid Progressive backbone that helped foster a political environment for more of us to join him in the House, but was also capable of working across the aisle without compromising his values. Whether you first met him in the 1970's during his valiant fight in the nuclear protests, or your first vote was to elect him Democratic

Caucus Leader in 2020, you feel a hole in your heart today.

Today we remember our friend, leader, mentor, and warrior Renny Cushing, while recommitting ourselves to his values and his project of a better New Hampshire for everyone, just as he would want us to do.”