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**HOUSE REPUBLICANS BLOCK BILL TO PROVIDE HEALTHY FOOD TO AT-RISK  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Today, House Republicans blocked SB 403, legislation re-establishing the WIC Farmers’ Market Program. The WIC program provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutritional education to postpartum women and infants and children up to 5 years of age who are found to be at nutritional risk. Following the vote, **co-sponsors of the legislation Rep. Mel Myler (D-Contoocook) and Rep. Dave Luneau (D-Hopkinton) released** the following statement:

“The WIC program serves 10,000 families in New Hampshire, all of whom could benefit from increased access fresh fruits and vegetables. Importantly, the WIC Farmers’ Market Program boosts our local economy and increases demand for New Hampshire farmers to sell their produce. This bill would enable New Hampshire to use federal matching grants to subsidize the WIC Farmers Market Program, making it a win-win for our state. It is disturbing that House Republicans blocked this bill, leaving valuable federal funds on the table and preventing the most vulnerable New Hampshire children and families from access to healthy food options. Granite State families and farmers deserve better.”