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Budget Compromise Announced

CONCORD—Today, Governor Chris Sununu, Senate President Donna Soucy, and Speaker of the House Stephen Shurtleff announced that they have reached a compromise on the state budget. This compromise budget will go before the full House and Senate on Wednesday.

"The people of New Hampshire won today," said **Governor Chris Sununu.** "This compromise budget does not increase taxes and ensures financial promises can be kept to the people of New Hampshire. This budget is something I can support. I worked closely with Senator Morse and Representative Hinch and remained in close contact with them as these negotiations progressed, and I am hopeful that legislative leaders – from both parties – can deliver this critical compromise when it goes before the full legislature on Wednesday."

Senate President Donna Soucy stated, "Budgets are a statement of our values, and this budget compromise makes clear that New Hampshire values the people of our state and is committed to ensuring every Granite Stater has the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. This budget maintains vital investments that the Democratic legislature made in mental health, substance use disorder treatment, and child protection and ensures meaningful raises for providers who deliver critical care to our loved ones by implementing long overdue Medicaid reimbursement rate increases."

"We can all be proud of the compromise reached today on a balanced budget that moves New Hampshire forward," added **Speaker of the House Stephen Shurtleff.** "This budget preserves important Democratic priorities, including the largest investment in public education and job training in the history of our state that will advance educational opportunities for all and along with reinstating municipal aid will provide meaningful support to cities and towns and critical property tax relief to Granite Staters."

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Background: For more information please see the attached budget compromise summary.