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House Speaker Sponsors Legislation to Help Thwart Vaccine Mandate

Concord, NH: House Speaker Sherman Packard (R-Londonderry) and members of the House Republican leadership team held a press conference at the State House Plaza on Tuesday, September 14 where they voiced their adamant opposition to the recently announced federal mandate regarding mandatory vaccines in the private sector work force.

While the order itself appears to be confusing in terms of implementation and enforcement, Speaker Packard made it clear that the Legislature was on New Hampshire's citizens' side and would fight against this latest overreach coming out of Washington, D.C.

As members of the leadership team stepped up to speak, each emphasized the importance of medical freedom, medical privacy and leaving the decision to get vaccinated up to individuals and businesses based on their own circumstances.

This week, Speaker Packard filed legislation to help prevent federal overreach, protect our citizens, and prevent worker shortages should this mandate take place. LSR 2022-2262, prohibiting state or local enforcement of federal vaccine mandates, is currently being drafted, and will be released upon completion and approval.

Speaker Packard's proposed legislation is one of many similar pieces of legislation from Republican House members filed this week.

"The end goal is to find a workable solution to this latest development out of Washington that is evolving as we all learn more about the mandate, its mechanisms and potential rollout," Speaker Packard said. "In the interim, we ask all constituents to reach out to our United States Senators, their Member of Congress and State Representative and ask them to speak out against this tyrannical policy that would displace thousands of workers and devastate our economy. We have made it clear that government mandates are not the path to successful vaccination rates and will only cause further division in this country."

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