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Joint Statement

Legislative Leaders, Governor Sununu, Department of Energy Unveil Energy Initiatives

Concord, NH: House Speaker Sherman Packard (R-Londonderry) and Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem) issued a joint statement about the new energy initiatives released today with Governor Sununu and the Department of Energy:

Disastrous national policy has been driving this energy crisis and the result is record-high inflation, rising consumer costs, and sticker shock at the gas pumps. Through smart fiscal management, Republicans in Concord can provide relief for Granite Staters of nearly \$70 million in surplus funds. With these reallocated surplus funds, a combination of LIHEAP federal funds, Electric Assistance program funds, and NH Emergency Energy Relief funds, we will be able to provide an additional \$100 million in relief to the most vulnerable citizens in the coming months.

Speaker Packard said: "In a unified effort, Republicans are looking ahead to how we can further help our citizens to make sure they do not have to decide whether to put heating oil in their tanks or food on their tables. We are going to make sure that does not happen in the state of New Hampshire. **He concluded:** "I can guarantee that we will take care of our citizens."

President Morse added: "We look forward to working with the Governor to implement these initiatives. New Hampshire families are struggling with the high costs of everything, and I am pleased that we can return some of their hard-earned money because of our sound fiscal management, unlike what we are seeing in Washington."

Together, they agreed: "The legislature is ready to act now because the money is there, and we are going to send it back to the taxpayers for relief. New Hampshire Republicans will continue working on solutions to failed Washington policies."

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