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Bragdon: Improving unemployment rate shows pro-business policies working

April follows trend of Granite Staters getting back to work, increased business confidence

(Concord) Senate President Peter Bragdon, R-Milford, issued the following statement today regarding the state's unemployment rate hitting 4.9% in April:

"The latest figure showing that unemployment has dropped below five-percent in New Hampshire is indeed welcome news. This is the fourth straight month our jobless rate has declined. The reality behind that number is even better -- it means more than 2,000 Granite Staters found jobs. Clearly, New Hampshire continues to lead its neighbors and the country as a whole in offering a better job market.

"When it comes to reducing unemployment, another huge government stimulus program from Washington is not the answer. Instead, real results come, in large part, from the policies we pursue here in Concord. We need to continue our focus on creating a more business-friendly environment, developing a consistent tax policy and continuing our commitment to reducing regulations. These policies have a direct impact on Main Street. They make a huge difference in whether businesses have the confidence to expand their operations, increase salaries or hire more workers. The state Senate has made all three of those policies a real priority throughout this legislative session and we are clearly seeing positive results."

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