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Bragdon: almost 10,000 more Granite Staters back to work

Shows focus on jobs, economy and budget making a difference

(Concord) Senate President Peter Bragdon, R-Milford, issued the following statement today regarding the state's latest unemployment numbers:

"The news that unemployment continues to fall in New Hampshire is extremely positive. Our jobless rate went from 5.4% in February to 5.2% in March which translates in to 2,180 more people leaving the unemployment line and going back to work. These numbers are particularly encouraging when compared with the national rate of 8.8% and neighboring Massachusetts at 8%. While we still have 38,390 people unemployed, the good news is that's down 9,640 from one year ago.

"This past November, voters were serious about getting our economy back on track and they expected their elected officials to do so by being fiscally responsible. We are now several months in to the legislative session and have proven that creating jobs, fixing the economy and balancing the budget are indeed our priorities. As a result, New Hampshire businesses are responding to this new focus on fiscal responsibility by hiring workers, and expanding their companies. The senate intends to stay the course with the goal of seeing the state's business community continue to show confidence in our leadership as well as our policies."

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