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Forrester applauds recommendation of high intensity drug enforcement for expedited review

Concord, NH - Today, the Division III of Joint Task Force for the response to the heroin and opioid crisis in New Hampshire voted to recommend legislation expanding a successful law enforcement program targeting drug trafficking to the full Task Force to be expedited in early 2016.

Senator Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith), Division III vice chair of the Joint Task Force, issued the following statement:

"The legislation recommended to the full task force would expand the intensity drug enforcement grant program to cities and towns statewide. This program combines town and city law enforcement with support from New Hampshire state troopers to conduct operations on high crime and drug usage days and is aimed at taking drug traffickers off our streets," said Senator Jeanie Forrester.

"The program was successfully piloted in Manchester, taking more than 45 drug dealers off of the streets in only four operations and sending a powerful message to traffickers that New Hampshire is committed to ending risky and illegal drug activity. By reducing the number of drug dealers on our streets, we may be able to effectively tighten the supply and prevent new users from accessing heroin, fentanyl and other deadly drugs."

"We know that we need a multi-faceted response to the heroin and opioid crisis and this program would strengthen the law enforcement response, addressing a critical component of reducing drug activity in our communities. I am proud to have the support of the Division III committee and look forward to a full vote of the Task Force allowing expedited review of this important legislation in January," said Forrester.

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