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### **Forrester pleased by passage of 'Granite Hammer' grant program**

Concord, NH - The Senate and House conferees agreed to a report on SB 485 which establishes the 'Granite Hammer' grant program for cities and towns in the state of New Hampshire. This report will be voted on next week by the full House and Senate.

Senator Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith) issued the following statement:

"We have made great strides in working to end the heroin and opioid abuse crisis facing our state and I am pleased that the Granite Hammer program is one step closer to being implemented for cities and towns in New Hampshire. This program allows additional resources and state law enforcement officers to team up with local police on high crime and drug usage times, effectively reducing drug trafficking on our streets."

"This program has been highly successful in a pilot program in Manchester, quelling the supply of heroin and other illegal substances on the street while sending a strong signal to drug traffickers that New Hampshire will not tolerate this kind of dangerous and illegal drug activity. We expect to see other cities and towns take advantage of the program to limit the supply of heroin and other drugs, reducing drug use and related crime in our communities."

"I urge my legislative colleagues to support the committee of conference report on SB 485 and I hope to see this legislation signed into law as soon as possible."

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