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NH Senate President Soucy Signs SB 4, Sends Bill to Protect Health Coverage for People with Preexisting Conditions to Governor Sununu

CONCORD—Today, Senate President Donna Soucy signed SB 4, relative to the group and individual health insurance market. This legislation, which would codify into state law protections for people with preexisting conditions and essential health benefits, next goes to the Secretary of State's office which will deliver the bill to Governor Sununu for his action.

Following the signing, Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester) and Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes (D-Concord), prime sponsor of SB 4, released the following statement:

"Senate Democrats believe fair access to quality, affordable health care is not just a privilege for the few, but a right for all," said **Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester)**. "We are committed to protecting care for Granite Staters with pre-existing conditions and ensuring everyone has access to essential health benefits like maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services, and prescription drugs. SB 4 is a huge step forward for health care security in New Hampshire that will give our citizens the peace of mind that they can get the health care they need, when they need it."

Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes (D-Concord), added: "With the Trump administration's continued efforts to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, it is more important than ever for us to safeguard health care access here in New Hampshire. I'm grateful to House Commerce Chair Ed Butler and all of the stakeholders for their work on Senate Bill 4.

While Governor Sununu has refused to join the lawsuit to protect the ACA, he now has another opportunity to protect health care access for Granite Staters with pre-existing conditions. The people of New Hampshire are counting on the governor to sign SB 4."

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