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### **Senate President Donna Soucy & House Speaker Stephen Shurtleff Respond to Governor Sununu's Mischaracterization of the Joint Fiscal Committee Process**

**CONCORD**— Today, Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester) and Speaker of the House Stephen Shurtleff (D-Penacook) responded to Governor Sununu's mischaracterization of the Joint Fiscal Committee process to accept and expend federal stimulus funds relative to the coronavirus pandemic.

At the April 8 Governor and Executive Council meeting, the Governor stated *"I asked to bring the item to draw down the fund, put on their agenda for this Friday. They rejected that. They don't want to do that. So we have to move forward and draw down this fund quickly..."*

**Speaker Stephen Shurtleff (D-Penacook) and Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester) released the following statement in response to the Governor's erroneous remarks:**

"The Governor's remarks today do not accurately reflect the actions taken by the Joint Fiscal Committee. The only thing standing between Granite Staters' quick access to these critical coronavirus stimulus funds is Governor Sununu's refusal thus far to resubmit his incorrect request so that Fiscal can add the late item to the agenda and act on these critical funds in a manner consistent with New Hampshire state law and our constitution."

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### **Background:**

Copies of the communications between Governor Sununu and the Fiscal Committee are attached.