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Representative Kenneth Weyler Resigns as Chair of House Finance Committee

Concord, NH: House Speaker Sherman Packard (R-Londonderry) released the following statement after reluctantly accepting the resignation of Representative Kenneth Weyler (R-Kingston) from his position as Chairman of both the House Finance Committee and Joint Fiscal Committee:

"Representative Weyler and I spoke about my deep concerns of the content in his emails and comments during committee meetings. He realizes his error in judgement and recognizes it has compromised his ability to lead the House Finance Committee and Joint Fiscal Committee both now and moving forward."

"We came to a mutual decision that the best thing for him to do was to step aside as chair of the House Finance committee. Since his chairmanship of the Fiscal Committee was statutorily dependent on his chairmanship of the Finance Committee, he will no longer be chair of the Fiscal Committee."

"Representative Weyler has a long history of service to this state and is an invaluable resource. His institutional knowledge is unmatched. He will continue to serve the people of his district honorably."

Rep. Karen Umberger will be appointed as chair of House Finance, and by statute will also serve as chair of the Joint Fiscal Committee moving forward.