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### **RE: SB 313-FN, Reauthorizing Medicaid Expansion**

Dear Legislators,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Government Affairs Committee encouraging you to support SB 313-FN, which would reauthorize Medicaid expansion and establish the "Granite Workforce" pilot program.

The Greater Dover Chamber's Board of Directors and Government Affairs Committee echo the sentiments of members in our business community who believe that economic prosperity is improved when individuals and families are insured. We believe that a healthy population provides more workplace ready and productive individuals and that more people with health insurance creates less of a financial burden on taxpayers. Specifically, we know that Medicaid expansion has been a strong tool in combating our state's addiction crisis and encourages those who otherwise would not have access to treatment to get the help they need.

We believe that fostering a healthy population that uses appropriate and lower cost health care services through health insurance will lead to lower health insurance costs for businesses and individuals throughout New Hampshire. The Greater Dover Chamber continues to be concerned that should funding become unavailable or available at an amount less than previously committed by the federal government, lawmakers should immediately reevaluate the feasibility of continuing Medicaid expansion. We also believe that any proposal to amend SB 313-FN should not place additional financial burden on New Hampshire's business community.

Lastly, we are pleased to see the legislature considering the Granite Workforce pilot program, which aims to encourage low income Granite Staters to find work and employers to hire workers in the fields of healthcare, advanced manufacturing, construction, information technology, and hospitality.

SB 313-FN is critically important to the well-being of many people in our community, which is why we ask that when it comes up for a vote you support its passage.

Sincerely,

Katie MacKinnon  
President, Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce